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Waitematā Local Board**

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23154	Big Street Bikers	Waitematā	5
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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with reduced funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited. I am an Aucklander who values the arts and culture and the diverse community who benefit from it in so many ways.

Early childhood education services must not be cut.

We need more public transport services than ever!

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?

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts / community programmes and services, Funding support for youth activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: I am particularly keen to see community galleries such as Depot Artspace continue to receive council support

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?)

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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?

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).	
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- 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 addition to not proceeding with any cuts to Auckland Art Gallery as covered in a separate submission, Auckland Council must also spare Auckland Citizens' Advice Bureau and Auckland Libraries branches, and the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra.

As a former CAB interviewer, I experienced at first hand how citizens, many of them new to New Zealand, were strengthened by the assistance and information they received from the the CAB, and were empowered to sort potential problems out.

I was also very aware of how often Auckland Council staff referred people to the CAB, instead of handling complaints and enquiries themselves. A more economical use of Council funds than highly paid staff?

Similarly, libraries are a wonderful source of information, and nimbly adopted digital technology to extend their reach and value in communities. Librarians are superb practitioners of the maxim that 'knowledge is power' and share information to empower citizens, especially those from different cultures or who are not tech savvy.

The APO is an extremely hard-working asset to Auckland. Not only does it perform world-class concerts in the city centre, but its musicians also take music to suburban venues and operate an outstanding outreach programme in schools.

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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?

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Without funding, most of Auckland's cultural events and festivals will be cancelled or scaled back, leading to a reduction in the diversity and vibrancy of the city's cultural scene.

Job Losses

Many artists, performers, and community workers rely on city

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

Please note: I previously made a submission against reduced funding for Auckland Art Gallery, assuming that support for other organisations could be on separate submissions. On that basis, please accept this submission, as well as the AAG one, from my em

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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 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 understand the rationale behind some of your budgeting cuts. For example, \$1 million from the provision of early childhood education programmes, the reduction of social services for youth and the homeless, for example, comes across as anti-woman, racist and lacking in any empathy for disadvantaged people. If you increase the prices across Auckland Art Gallery and the Zoo what are you proposing as an alternate event for people to do. If these do not flourish, particularly the arts then the City does not flourish.

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

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

Tell us why: The Auckland Council should act as a voice for rate payers in one of Auckland's largest assets. Therefore I think a shareholding of 10% should be maintained. The sell-down of a substantial amount of shares could affect the share price and your budget does

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: The council should have been maintaining infrastructure in the first instance. This sounds like robbing Peter to pay Paul. Does the \$20 million include training for a better response from the Mayor in an emergency situation?

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Affects women and the disadvantaged. It denies people access to knowledge and services.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Again I do not like people being denied access to knowledge and the arts.

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?

Auckland will continue to grow as it always does. No funding shortfall will cease its growth. Please keep this in mind. If you remove funding to cultural services, events and economic development it will be a boring city. At times your budget seems at

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Your local board: Waitematā

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Tell us why: While not desirable to sell off a major asset, it is preferable to impacting other sectors and services which will impact so many.

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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: While not preferable, and hopefully the rating changes will impact wealthier properties more, this is a necessity of retaining good levels of services and funding for community and arts and culture. Preferably debt is used more than rates, so that average

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Tell us why: Future preparation for climate related issues is essential.

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Tell us why: Need to retain arts and culture 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

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: The revenue the council receives has dipped in recent years. This is a short-term issue and requires a short-term response. As a car-free public transport user, parent and CBD dweller, I acutely understand the importance of public services and well-designed public spaces for building community and creating equitable, liveable cities. I made the decision to go car-free in 2021 as I believed that the city was committed to providing, and further improving regular and affordable public transport options. I am disheartened to read that the council is proposing to maintain, what I believed were temporarily reduced bus timetables. I want to live in a city that leads on the issues of mode shift, community, and climate resilience. Reducing investment in these issues could lead to long-term and potentially intergenerational challenges. Therefore, I do not believe that the proposed budget represents a measured response to the impact of short-term revenue loss and increasing costs. Rather than facing an uncertain future, with deteriorating services, spaces and community cohesion, I am happy to invest a little more into Tāmaki Makaurau today.

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

Tell us why: As above, this is a long-term solution rather than a measured response to an acute shortfall in revenue that could be recouped by other short-term means. Nor does it seem to be a particularly opportune time to sell these shares - at a low point in the mar

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

Tell us why: Council should consider a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. As above, a little more investment today could save the city from facing the potentially more costly issues of deteriorating services, spaces and community cohesion in t

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

Tell us why: Rather than using water infrastructure reform to promote divisive rhetoric, the council should work with central government and iwi partners to better manage water infrastructure. Investing in climate and community resilience will help create a more certa

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support discontinuing or reducing community delivery programmes such as Cultural Events, Social Housing Community Support, Homeless support and youth-facing programmes. These programmes support the stated priority: community connection, safety, w

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I do not agree with the way this question is worded. All of these services are important, only being able to select three as the most important seems disingenuous.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? All of the services listed above seem to provide investment into community and climate resilience, therefore I do not support cuts to any of these services.

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support changes to the Climate Action Targeted Rate. I support more investment in buses and safe, accessible 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?

The co-governance arrangement of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority is exemplary and could inform the co-governance of water infrastructure to support climate and community resilience. I am a regular visitor to Maungawhau and have enjoyed seeing the construction

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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 ANY reductions. All of the services named contribute to making Auckland a great place to live - without them I truly believe our city will become a rundown, tired, unattractive place to work and / or do business. Our economy will suffer and our communities will suffer with people becoming increasingly isolated as the community groups that create social cohesion dying due to lack of support. Our environment will be further undermined as climate action is not prioritised and we do not have the community resilience (in the form of well funded community groups) to respond to the increasing number of adverse weather events we are facing due to the climate crisis. Further - I am not convinced that this is a REAL budget crisis - these cuts seem very ideologically driven and there does not appear to be any rational or strategic thinking applied to the proposal.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Actually I think we need to raise rates and make greater use of debt - a balance of rates rise and debt should be sought. The proposed rates rise is not even in line with inflation currently.

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

Tell us why: This is just obviously necessary.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I REALLY want proposed cycling infrastructure and road safety improvements to all go ahead. PLEASE do not drop or delay them further. We have been waiting for SO LONG for better cycling infrastructure and road safety for our kids. Do not listen to the

If funding for local board 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:

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What do you think of these proposals? I am not sure if the changes to the CATR are in the best interests of climate action or not - it is hard to tell from your documentation so I have not supported it - I just want that outcomes I have already submitted on wrt CATR not to be compromised - p

7. What else is important to you?

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

I am VEHEMENTLY opposed to the reductions in services that this budget proposes. I am likely to leave Auckland in disgust if they occur as this city will then be a boring, lonely, soulless, car dependent place to exist.

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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. These are major decisions which should not be made in haste without careful thought about true priorities for the people of Auckland. Council should instead make an increase in general rates, increase borrowing and request central government support. Creating a mood of panic is misleading and destructive. There is time to sort out the financial issues without destroying so much that makes for a healthy community life.

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Tell us why: Privatizing airport land is a short term gain and no long term benefits for Auckland, and particularly for Maori. I completely disagree with allowing buyers like multinational corporations to have control of our airport.

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Tell us why: It is madness to freeze funding for water quality and the natural environment. It demonstrates a callous disregard for the future of our city. Unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment targeted rates, and borrow more.

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

Tell us why: We cannot continue to ignore the problems in our city's infrastructure. Short-term Council planning over the past 50 years has created this situation and now that climate change is upon us we cannot continue to neglect the need for proper maintenance and

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Looking at the list of proposed cuts I am horrified at the way they attack so many vital aspects of our life as a community. The only one I would support in increasing the no-mow areas in parks. It is madness to reduce ecological and environmental restora

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: This list reads like a catalogue of the MOST important activities in our local area. Congratulations to our local board for supporting these activities which we value so highly. DO NOT DESTROY THEM!

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What do you think of these proposals? Council could impose small additional charges for tourists to raise money to invest in the future of our city. This is common in many parts of the world.

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

We should be investing in the future of our city and our diverse communities, not undermining them. Invest in public transport, the arts and social services which make life varied, rich and truly sustaining. These investments can be funded by a mixture

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Auckland Council should not proceed with any proposed reductions - you are proposing to reduce/stop funding integral services such as free legal services from the Citizens Advice Bureau, transport for those of us who cannot afford to park in the city/drive a vehicle/want to save the environment and education for our tamariki. These reductions are inequitable and tone deaf.

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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: There has not been enough information circulated about this issue. However, I would rather these shares were sold/partially sold instead of the proposed reductions.

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

Tell us why: I appreciate the impact of the storms on Aotearoa and the importance of responding to the effects and preparing for any future natural disasters. However, I do not consider \$20 million is an appropriate allocation of the region's resources when there are

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), 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 value community education, connection and protection of te taiao (the environment).

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce the Mayor and Councillors' salaries (Mayor: \$30,000, Chairpersons in each of the local board areas should be paid the same and it should be under \$80,000).

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

Tautoko the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024, especially te tino rangatiratanga mō ngā iwi o Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 'It appears that the budget shortfall has been caused by a combination of:

- inflation of Council costs
- increases in interest rates
- loss of Council income from Covid (parking, transport, dividends etc....).

It is unclear from the information provided what the extent of this shortfall is the result of annual issues (ie rates revenue not being tied / indexed to inflation) and what are one off costs from recent events (ie COVID and / or cyclone).

However it appears that none of the shortfall is for new policies that were not budgeted for.

I do not want to see any drop in existing Council services and therefore I believe that to maintain the status quo, each contributing factor to the budget shortfall should be addressed through:

1. Increase in rates, and / or
2. Increase in borrowing,

3. Considered sale of assets.

INCREASE IN RATES

I do not understand why rates are not being raised by a percentage equivalent to the current rate of inflation? The consultation document suggests an average rates increase of 4.66%, whereas inflation has been higher than this. The starting premise should be to match inflation as a minimum in order to avoid cuts of existing services. It is unclear what this exact percentage should be, but if a total rates rise of say 9% then this would mean that the operating reductions explicitly stated above (Transport reductions, Auckland Unlimited Cuts, Regional Services & Local Board services cuts, Regional grants reductions) would not need to be made.

While I do not believe that rates increases are needed to address the budget shortfall (as below), I would support a higher rates package that could see a total rates increase for the average value residential property of up to 13.13 per cent or \$433 a year (\$8.30 a week)

INCREASE IN BORROWING

I support increased borrowing to offset loss of income from Covid and /or to pay for cyclone repair works. This is not to reduce increase in rates for day to day Council operations, but to cover and distribute the pay back of one off unique and unforeseen events.

CONSIDERED SALE OF ASSETS

My opinion of the proposed Airport Shares sale is given in Question 2.

I believe that Auckland Council should consider other asset sales. In particular the sale of unused reserves and golf courses, in line with the paper that came to Council in 2022.

WHY:

The proposed cuts should not be made because the services they would destroy are proven to be valuable, necessary and required for the city. I do not support the proposed cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: 'There is insufficient information to comment on this aspect. Because air travel has been so affected by Covid, recent data is of no value.

In the information provided, no real alternatives have been given. For example,

- What would the required rates be

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: Please refer to Question 1 answer.

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: There is insufficient information provided to explain how any of these figures have been arrived at and what and how the money will be spent. It is unconvincing that this number could be so quickly "plucked" so soon after the recent weather events.

Urge

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Tell us why: The list above looks well considered and all priorities are of value.

I question the need to "Maximise our capital renewals to enhance our public spaces, such as aquatic facilities, playgrounds, and open spaces" at this time. Do these facilities need to

If funding for local board 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: Maintaining (and ideally increasing) library and community facilities opening hours and services is fundamental.

The hours of operation of these facilities should be extended (not reduced!) to enable wider community engagement - especially for parts of t

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? There is insufficient information provided to comment on this.

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What do you think of these proposals? Your question about bins assumes we understand what we are paying at the moment and what the impact of the explanation means?! What kind of "rubbish bin anoraks" do you take us for?

I support an initial inspection fee for a Swimming pool that reflects th

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

In order to reduce debt and / or fill the budget deficit, I believe that Auckland Council should consider the sale of golf courses. I understand that there has been considerable investigative work undertaken for this and the money that could be realised i

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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.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support the proposed cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services Budget, local board funding and Tataki Auckland Unlimited.

Please do not proceed with these damaging and destructive cuts that will make life untenable for many Auckland workers & their families & substantially impact the quality of life for many of our city's citizens.

I do not agree with funding cuts that will damage the arts, tourism and hospitality sectors that are vital to a successful and vibrant city. These sectors have been hard-hit by COVID and are fighting to recover - they are also essential to the city and without them Auckland will struggle to actually BE a city instead of a culturally barren and uninteresting large small town.

I do not agree with funding cuts that will compromise services to the marginalised and vulnerable - Maori, Pasifika, youth, refugee, new migrant, rainbow, elderly, homeless, economically disadvantaged, children. These are the citizens with least resources - cutting funding to libraries, Citizens Advice Bureaus, marae, youth services, homelessness initiatives, PROUD centres and many more sends a clear signal that those without significant private wealth are not valued in Auckland.

I do not agree with any cuts that reduce climate change action programmes - surely the recent disastrous floods have shown that education and action are vitally needed if we are to HAVE a 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? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Selling the Council shares in Auckland International Airport will free up capital & reduce debt. The shares are not earning as much as the Council's current debt level is costing, & many of the proposed cuts would severely reduce quality of life i

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

Tell us why: I support a HIGHER general rates increase and GREATER use of debt.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The Ellen Melville Centre & Studio One Toi Tu are valuable low-cost centres for cultural events & learning and the community needs and values these facilities.

Local community events foster belonging & relationships, bringing people together

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Perhaps the Mayor's salary and those of the highest-paid executives would be a place to start. It's easy to think of cuts that will hurt many others & perhaps not so easy to think about taking a hit in the wallet yourself.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

- 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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
2	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
3	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
4	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
5	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
1	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Arts and culture programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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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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I oppose cutting funds available to local boards - they know best what will benefit the community.

I oppose cuts to essential and frontline services such as library staff, community centre staff, consents officers, etc.

I oppose any cuts to public transport.

I oppose increases in fares on public transport.

I support reductions in tourism promotion.

I support increased debt and increased rates to pay for services.

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Tell us why: Selling assets is short-sighted as we lose the chance to earn income in the future - Auckland Airport shares have been a good earner for Auckland in the past.

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

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

Tell us why: We must invest in stormwater upgrades and ensure all future development consents and investment are only approved if in line with climate impact assessments. This is essential to avoid huge costs in the future.

Council must penalise development or actions

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Local boards have good knowledge of the community's needs and are in touch with different people in the community. They make decisions based on Council policies and obligations and should have more authority and funding discretion.

If funding for local board 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: While all the above are important I selected libraries because I see what an essential resource they are for the community - I see users of all ages and backgrounds, who are able to read for pleasure, meet others, communicate via computers, do research, a

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? Re Other rates/Bus services funded by CATR - to divert this funding would be undemocratic and short-sighted. It had huge public support when introduced last year.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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

I Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024

I support increases in rates and debt to fund a strong recovery for Auckland from the storm and ongoing impact of covid.

I support Council funding for CAB.

I oppose cuts to the arts - this s

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Agree with cuts to local board activities and Tātaki Auckland, but STRONGLY disagree with cuts to public transport and arts + culture. Why isn't Auckland Council even considering selling off the golf courses that it owns? Is it because the Mayor would rather throw the arts and public transport to the wolves so he can keep playing golf and ignoring his responsibilities?

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Reduction in service levels for community centres and arts centres (Nathan Homestead), Local community grants, Youth programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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?

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I oppose cuts to essential and frontline services such as library staff, community centre staff, consents officers, etc.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 stormwater upgrades and ensure all future development consents and investment are only approved if in line with climate impact assessments. This is essential to avoid huge costs in the future.

Council must penalise development or actions

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Local boards have good knowledge of the community's needs and are in touch with different people in the community. They make decisions based on Council policies and obligations and should have more authority and funding discretion.

If funding for local board 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: While all the above are important I selected

1. Libraries because I see what an essential resource they are for the community - I see users of all ages and backgrounds, who are able to read for pleasure, meet others, communicate via computers, do research

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? Re Other rates/Bus services funded by CATR - to divert this funding would be undemocratic and short-sighted. It had huge public support when introduced last year.

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 2023/2024

I support increases in rates and debt to fund a strong recovery for Auckland from the storm and ongoing impact of covid.

I support Council funding for CAB.

I oppose cuts to the arts - this s

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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: There are certain basic services that should be provided and readily available to the community in a modern city of Auckland's size and importance.

Proceed with the proposed reductions with the exception of those to the following specific venues and services:

1. Maintain current pricing and services to the following key venues: Auckland Zoo, Art Gallery, Libraries, Citizens Advice.
2. Maintain the following regional services: community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, funding for youth centres.

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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 simply makes no economic sense for Council to keep shares in AIAL when grappling with the ballooning debt.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

Tell us why: I am OK with that

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

Tell us why: Given the damage after the recent storms it is important that there be a proper focus on repairing and upgrading existing inadequate infrastructure to accommodate climate change.

5. Local Boards

Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why: I support priorities with the maximum benefit to the wider community not just a select few. In this regard the last three items should be 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?) Library opening hours and services, Community centres programmes and subsidies for hall users, Ecological restoration programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library and community centres are an important asset for the community particularly for those with less financial means.

Ecological restoration programmes are an enormous benefit to not only the community but to wildlife and water quality improvement.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Most of the above priorities seem sensible however I don't support the second to last ("programmes that support community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment")

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The first two relate to important community services that should be available in our city. Environmental restoration and pest control are absolutely fundamental to enhance and improve our city environs.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? A good hard look needs to be taken at the funding of local events and associated advertising currently met by council or boards. It may be more appropriate for those costs to be met by the private sector rather than ratepayers.

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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?

1. What has been clear for some time is that the rate base in Auckland is simply too narrow. Widening it to include charitable groups, churches, schools etc should be considered. Some churches for instance are significant property holders and landlords de

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

I don't know

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

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Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I really want the Leys Institute library earthquake strengthening to be given priority. It is an important facility for our community and needs to be reopened asap.

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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, (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.

-Do not proceed with cutting bus services and public transport - given the recent flood events due to climate change, proposals that make it more difficult for people to get around Auckland with a lower carbon footprint and without a car cannot be accepted or even considered.

-Do not proceed with cuts to libraries and library hours

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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 an astute time to sell these shares, at the current market low, and once sold, they can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

If you wish to see assets why are Golf Courses not even being discussed as a source

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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.

-There are many other sources of revenue that are being ignored such as increasing on street car parking fees and those in Council owned parking buildings to markets r

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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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these are important, it is not acceptable to cut any of them simply to avoid any scrutiny of golf courses and because of a refusal to increase rates and make use of debt facilities.

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

I have major concerns with Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established just last year and with huge public support. It is not acceptable to use the CATR to reduce

7. What else is important to you?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I believe that all of the proposed reductions will negatively impact Auckland, and all Aucklanders, in a way which is disproportionate to the money saved. These proposed reductions will leave us in a worse place as a city to live in and visit, hurting those who need support the most.

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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 to allow Auckland to continue to invest in becoming a truly world class city that delivers equitable outcomes to everyone that lives and will live here.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: I believe that all of these are critical, and reduced funding would be detrimental to my local area

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would like to see arts culture and education retained as they are important services for a city where much arts culture and education are not accessible to all esp. the marginalised communities whose arts and culture make up our great city

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Tell us why: now is not a time to increase costs on everyday households... we are struggling enough to cost the basics.

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Tell us why: Im of the impression that national government and private insurance can cover this.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: schools and other goops can pick up the environmental education. just stop mowing fulstop re identify other areas to not mow... and Im in to some activities but not Parnell roses.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? the gardeners contracts with people who don't no what a native tree/plant is. graft pant over... charging homes per their volume of waste that they either recycle and or go to land fill rather than a blanket cost... esp.for homes that don't have a compos

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keeping cost down and services up.

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Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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

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

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and

welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

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

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

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: With the cost of living crisis, now is not the time to cut back on services.

Reducing funding for Tataki Auckland Unlimited where it affects the pricing at venues such as Auckland Zoo, stadiums and other venues will affect the community in a huge way. The impact that it will have not only for families but for visitors too (either tourists or visitors from other cities in NZ) will be great. It will be a pity to see all that money spent on upgrading the zoo be put to waste because people cannot afford to visit. I have always recommended the zoo as one of the best places to visit.

Some of the other services that are facing cuts are ones that help our lowest income and most vulnerable people are the ones that help youth into employment, address homelessness issues, help people understand their rights and access vital services for example Citizen Advice Bureau is a lifeline to not only the lowest income people wanting advice but to anyone and everyone who needs advice with anything and everything : Justice of the Peace, Lawyer, Landlord issues, issues with neighbours be it trees fences etc. Where and who are the people going to go for advice that the Council is not able to assist because it is a private matter? You go to Citizen Advice Bureau . Citizen Advice Bureau is a necessity to the community. I have had to go there on several occasions for Justice of the Peace as I needed my signature

witnessed. I have always recommended them to my family and friends when they need specific advice that Council cannot help with.

Cutting back on any of the the services will also affect Council workers too and the proposed cuts will put their jobs at risk for they are also part of the community and their wages go back into our community.

Some of the services facing cuts that bring out our communities resilience and connection like Cultural evens such as Polyfest, Diwali, Chinese Lantern Festival are important to the wellbeing of our communities and more so now with the kinds of emergencies and evens that have happened recently.

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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: Once you sell these shares what are you going to fall back on? What happens when another climate change catastrophe happens what then? Selling off shares will only provide a one-off return but cuts off any future income Aucklanders could receive from th

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

Tell us why: Raising the general rates will help to address the council's budget deficit - an increase of \$5.30 per household per week which is above what's currently proposed. Council needs to consider bridging some of the gaps between what is proposed and what is

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: In order to keep us safe from the effects of future storms and flooding (and there will be many many more to come because of climate change), this spending is absolutely vital and 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?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: All the priorities are a necessity for our community, our environment, our well being and welfare

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I have chosen the above 3 because I do not want services at the library reduced because of the services it offers - Justice of the Peace, CAB and Plunket NZ, Community programme delivery - they are vital for our youths and their wellbeing and art, and

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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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? no

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 only issues I have to which I have already answered are the ones relating to cutting back on services which should no be considered as the services are vital and important to and for everyone, and selling Auckland Airport Shares - selling these share

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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: Arts sector is very important for the wellbeing of people. It's what makes us well rounded human beings. The joy of music and other arts shouldn't be enjoyed by the people who could afford to pay for it.

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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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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 the rates at the more privileged areas.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't support this:

Maximise our capital renewals to enhance our public spaces, such as aquatic facilities, playgrounds, and open spaces

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Those things enrich people's lives and providing respite from the mundane and drudgery of life.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Cut off redundant council workers. Cut those "save the environments" initiatives, as people's wellbeings should take first priority BEFORE environments. Pointless having a great environment if the people aren't well enough to be there to appreciate it.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals? Don't really care about CATR because currently the public transports aren't reliable enough to be used as the main mode of transport. Pointless doing CATR if people can't use public transport, due to the unreliability of the schedules.

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 arts, including music, and libraries shouldn't be put aside. Education and children's wellbeings should take priority over "green initiatives". A starving person can't think nor appreciate a green environment! A well fed person (both literal food and

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Your feedback

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

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with the reductions to educational services, climate action programmes, CAB services, homelessness, youth centre funding, The southern initiative, early childhood education and entry prices for the Zoo and art gallery. The impact on future generations and the poorest communities in Auckland must absolutely be limited and be offset by rates or debt increases. I am in the lucky position in Auckland to be on a high income and I would be happy to pay higher rates if valuable services to poorer communities or young people / families received the benefit of this.

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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: whilst I don't agree with the timing of this, I think it is a prudent option

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: I would like to see a rates split introduced for residential properties between owner occupied and investment properties. I believe investment properties should be subject to a higher rate of rates billing given the need for affordable permanent housing

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Tell us why: I don't see an alternative so supportive. I have two friends who have been significantly impacted by the flood and I support this as an essential expense.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: After reading all the local board priorities it strikes me that a "levelling up" across auckland needs to continue with more investment in those communities who benefit more from the free events (such as music in the parks) and who have facilities which a

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

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

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? please refer to comments above - we should be saving in order to level up so everyone has the same standard .

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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 dont support the reduction for the funding for the services for the CATR - I absolutely support investment in public transport - however, Auckland Transport needs to be more effective and efficient and I would like to see savings made within that organi

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 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 from these cuts.

Do not agree to reducing public transport services such as busses. Given the recent flooding events of Cyclone Gabrielle, the increased intensity of this storm and others in the future due to climate changes, council needs to invest in public transport (busses, bikes, trains, walking) now more than ever.

I do not agree with reduced funding to Auckland Zoo, stadiums and venues.

I do not agree with reductions to regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres.

I do not agree to reduced funding for early childhood education centres. We need to invest in our tamariki.

I do not agree with reduced funding to local board funded activities across all boards.

I do not agree with reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not agree with reduced funding to libraries and reduced library hours. I am a regularly library user of both Auckland Central and regional libraries. Libraries are places of knowledge and house precious collections and archival materials. Libraries are freely accessed for those living and visiting Auckland and should be valued.

Furthermore, I do not agree to reduced funding to the Mairangi Arts Centre (MAC). MAC is one of the oldest visual arts centres and has been providing the community with creative opportunities for nearly 32 years. The art programmes are enjoyed by all ages from children and youth through to senior members of the community. The centre's exhibition schedule showcases youth, emerging artists, multicultural organisations and national exhibitions. The exhibition programme celebrates our diverse community, honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi through Matariki celebrations and displaying works by a variety of cultural groups with whom the centre has long-standing relationships. Exhibitions are free for the general public to visit and enjoy. The centre provides employment in the creative sector for approximately 25 tutors as well as office support staff. The centre collaborates with partnering organisations that support vulnerable demographic groups such as youth at risk, migrant communities and senior citizens. The arts centres fulfill a vital need in our community/ies for participation, contribution, exhibiting, observing, enjoying, immersing, celebrating, diversifying, gathering and a myriad of other ways that a community centre such as MAC can allow people to seek refuge in a safe creative space and connect with others which is vital for everyone's mental health and wellbeing.

I grew up in the area where MAC is located and deeply value its role in the community. Over many years, I have noticed that there has been increased uptake in adult and children art classes across Auckland, and specifically at MAC, so much that to enrol at the classes MAC offers, there is a waiting list. This is an example of its popularity and demand of which Council should take note of. With reduced funding, there will be reduced ability for MAC to grow and provide for an ever eager community is seeking to engage in creativity, these funding cuts will stifle and reduce access to the arts.

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

Tell us why: Do not change policy as this is not the time to sell shares and once sold can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

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

There are other sources of revenue that have not been mentioned such as:

Increasing on street car parking fees and council owned parking building to market rates, which

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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these are important to me and not acceptable to cut any of these because of a refusal to increase rates and make use of debt facilities.

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

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

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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	Support
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	

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

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

I have major issues with council re-prioritising climate action targeted rate which was establish with huge public support. It is not acceptable to use it to reduce cost to Auckland Transport who are

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?

I ride my bike every day to work and use my bike to get to other places to meet friends and run errands. It is part of my daily life to use my bike. I support more investment into safer streets, public transport, walking and cycling projects. I support mo

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Auckland Council draft budget 2023/2024
26 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. Entry charges reduce accessibility to the arts and the arts should be accessible to everyone, from all walks of life, no matter your income.

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.

I am an architect and have been exposed to the arts my entire life having come from a creative family, but I recognise that there are those who do not have the same level of exposure. This discrepancy between my lived experience of the arts and others can only be seen as problem that Council should be actively rectifying and not exacerbating by reduced funding, reduced opening hours or entry charges. Council can do this by placing value on and supporting Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, recognising the exposure to the arts this

institution provides as a key ingredient to well rounded community. Effects of reduced funding to TAU and by extension Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki will be far reaching into the future for everyone in Tāmaki Makaurau, from all ages, all ethnicities and those dealing with physical and mental illness or disabilities.

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.

Below are words from two important voices in the art community.

“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.

“Creativity, intuition and inspiration is the heart of any culture, it is what makes life worth living. It is the voice that sustains humanity and to deny that voice and that freedom of expression is tantamount to a repressive ideology driven by non-sustaining values; short-term aims and objectives without creative sustenance. Any governing body that chooses to repress the creative voice; that chooses to undermine the poetics of a culture; that actively seeks to negate and devalue its cultural voice, is sadly lacking in foresight and integrity. The creative voice is the bedrock of any culture; it cannot be subdued, and so let it be celebrated and valued on all levels of society. Indeed when a governing body recognises the diversity of its cultural voice (within and of itself), it can stand empowered in its own creativity; as a governing body that can lead communities into the future with a collective individuation of a new kind, through a politics of empathy and acknowledgement for and of the creative voice” P. Mule, New Zealand Artist, has represented Aotearoa nationally.



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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reducing arts and culture programmes will have a very large negative effect on all the progress the city has made as a thriving arts scene.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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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?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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.	
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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:

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

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Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Parks planning, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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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: Would not proceed with any but the first one (reduce no. of public transport services). As long as the services were the underused ones. Happy to have an increase in rates in order to keep the community services going.

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The Leys Institute Library is extremely important to the community - it's been 3 years, the building may be deteriorating and we need our community space back.

If funding for local board 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: Community events are essential to maintain the community 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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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: Rates need to be stabilised in line with incomes and especially as we go through a recession. These services provide vital links the community and should not be cut as we face the climate crisis, economic downturn and increasing inequality. Auckland can and should fund it through 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: It is important that Aucklanders maintain an element of control over its key international and domestic link. This sale is shortsighted and we should learn from sales previous state assets, where their values have grown exponentially after sale.

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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Auckland should use its strong balance sheet to raise further debt. The suburb I live in has higher rates already and further increases risk people like me out of the market. The value of properties have been artificially increased through the wider house

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Proceed with increasing operating budget, but fund through debt. See above response

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why: I do not consider Leys institute a priority in the current economic environment as we face a potential recession and climate crisis. Community building remains important to me, along with climate 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, 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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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Important that we maintain diverse communities, including age, gender and ethnicity

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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 bullet point 3 - Reducing regional services....

Auckland Unlimited economic development and tourism promotion budget should be cut. Bloated bureaucracy.

Uncouple this budget from the likes of the Art Gallery and Zoo pricing - things which benefit locals.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Don't cut Music in Parks

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: Don't reduce Art Gallery, Museum, Library or Zoo funding.

Reduce general cultural event funding.

Attach specific targets to reduce homelessness and increase dignity (bed, shower and clothes washing).

Ministry of Education should focus on quality Early Childhood education with well paid qualified staff.

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Tell us why: You can only sell the golden goose once. Surely it can be viable.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why 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?

Do not fund the TMA. By cutting down trees, this small group perceive as colonial, they are being destructive and are actively contributing to land degradation, slips and flooding. Do replace exotic trees with native trees over time, when the tree is at t

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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: It is FOLLY to discontinue or reduce community delivery programmes such as City Centre Network, Cultural Events, Social Housing Community Support, Homeless

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Tell us why these are most important to you: We value the environmental sustainability programmes that Council offers young people. These programmes respond directly to customer requests for service, and deliver on environmental outcomes in waste minimisation, indigenous perspectives and matauranga

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Turn Chamberlain Park into a nine hole golf course. Sell the land to a competent developer and mandate that they build attractive, affordable median density housing with water sensitive landscape design, and open areas for recreation by the wider public.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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.	I don't know

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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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The reduced funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, regional services, local board funded activities, and regional contestable grants.

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

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the whole city benefits. Arts and culture directly affect 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.

Personally, as an actor and creator working locally here in Tāmaki Makaurau, the potential cuts to arts grants and funding could result in a complete loss of income and become a death sentence to mine and many other artists careers here. This is an industry which already faces large financial instability and insecurity, and further cuts to this sector will

force creators to either find employment outside of Auckland and New Zealand, or be forced to abandon their careers altogether.

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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?

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 the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Arts and culture are integral to communities feeling connected and safe. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our com

If funding for local board 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: 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 indust

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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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: For climate change reasons we absolutely need to be providing good quality, reliable & resilient public transport services to encourage patronage. We should be increasing provision not cutting

Arts, culture, libraries and events are critical components of a liveable city & should not be cut. Potentially some overlaps in areas with central government could be looked at & streamlined

Likewise local board funded activities are incredibly important to build a sense of community at the grassroots local level. There are some amazing initiatives that happen & it would be a shame to cut them

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: In a global context, Auckland Council’s debt ratios are low. I feel we can increase this debt to fix the infrastructure we desperately need to. The economic & social payoffs for a better functioning, more liveable city are worth incurring some extra d

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: This is a no brainer in my opinion - climate change is here, the impacts are happening faster potentially than anticipated. We need to adapt & quickly to be more resilient

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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support the proposed reductions as many will have negative long-term effects on the quality of life in this city.

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

Tell us why: The city needs to maintain its stake in the airport. It also needs to receive something for that stake. So far it is all risk taking for the ratepayer and gravy for the airport. While the airport is an amenity this comes at great environmental cost and

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: Support maximising the Ports revenue and Airport revenue streams prior to taking a decision to cut services.

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

Tell us why: The city needs to take notice of these last two storms and face the facts the massive intensification that has happened over the last decade without any significant working infrastructure improvement in that period has caught us out. Now is the time

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support ecological initiatives for our parks, reserves and berms but cannot get behind no mow/low mow. No mow/low mow actually takes a lot of resources to institute and manage, it requires a fire abatement policy and resources, it requires a pest (ani

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: They focus on improving the health of our surroundings.

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Why are we cutting mature trees on the Maungas before we have established any seedlings to replace them? It's madness.

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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 specifically wish for the reduction in Arts funding to be withdrawn. The Arts is vital to not only the cultural health of any major city but also its financial and mental health of its residents. The value of the arts is harder to define than a simple dollar and cents amount but it impacts nearly all industries and services. the councils proposed cuts are incredibly short sighted and will do huge damage to the city the region and the country.

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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 this kind of asset will result in worse situation for everyone in long run.

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Tell us why: That is my preference

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

Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Happy to pay to improve Auckland

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Tell us why: We need to future proof

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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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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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: Cuts to public transport during a climate crisis, when we should be doing everything possible to facilitate a reduction in personal vehicles, especially in a city as frequently gridlocked as Auckland, is unacceptable.

In the midst of a cost of living crisis too, and with inequality on the rise, it seems cruel to cut social services and homeless support. The strength of Auckland's community spirit during the floods and cyclone has been praised, yet in return community funding is cut? Makes no sense.

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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: Is there a way some of the shares can be sold only to Auckland residents?

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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: No brainer. This summer we've paid the price for frequently underinvesting in climate resilience. I work on the coast and also enjoy regularly sea swimming in Auckland's waters. In 2023 people shouldn't have to worry about going in the sea after every tim

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Tell us why: YES! Water quality, stream restoration, planting, no-mow, eco contracts, climate change mitigation, these are definitely the best things to prioritise during a climate and biodiversity crisis! Especially if you can do everything possible to get the commun

If funding for local board 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: Combat climate change and protect our natural environment first and foremost, arts and festivals are luxury we can enjoy when we're not in imminent danger of climate catastrophe/

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? As above. I regularly use Grey Lynn Library, but if it had to be closed for an extra day a week to redistribute funds into protecting nature then so be it.

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What do you think of these proposals? Don't do anything that's ultimately going to cut funding to public transport! We have the luxury of living in Aotearoa's most populous city, it should be so easy to walk, cycle or get the bus everywhere and if you make this more difficult, you're not just

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We've been quite literally hammered by climate change this summer, it should be a huge wake up call to everyone that there's no time left to make cuts to anything that makes us more resilient to extreme weather.

Public transport, encouraging community pa

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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.

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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 is your preference on the proposed operating 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 accept the need to address the infrastructure deficit built up over many decades, and the squeeze currently placed on ratepayers and the Council. However, the cuts proposed sweep up crucial community support with acceptable discretionary activities. I do NOT support maintaining currently reduced PT (a strategic plan is needed to boost PT); reducing regional services funding for arts, education, cultural events (within these areas there are no doubt inefficiencies that need addressing, but this is an operational matter); Local board funding reductions: this is far too broad brush - see further comments below (again, there will be efficiencies to be gained, but simply removing support for some activities with limited discussion with affected groups is unacceptable; removing early childhood funding.

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

Tell us why: I am unclear why this has to be decided now. There seems to be legitimate arguments for retaining or increasing the shareholding. This includes being able to directly influence needed emissions reductions and climate change adaptation options. Any decision

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

Tell us why: Maintain NETR and WQTR and use excess to support investment in (4) storm response / long term adaptation planning (this is expanded on below). Given the delayed infrastructure investment over decades coupled with clear need to address terrestrial, fresh

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 storm event highlights the extent to which Auckland is vulnerable to climate change impacts. Coupled with the latest IPCC summary reinforcing the short time frame for reducing emissions, this budget needs to clearly address mitigation and adaptation a

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why: I support cos savings associated with no or low mow reduces costs, otherwise I do not support other 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), 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: Ecological restoration couple with waste minimisation are the most effective contributions LBs can have to CC mitigation and adaptation. Arts and community centre programmes will become more crucial as mechanisms helping social cohesion and creativity.

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? The council needs a clear climate action strategy, and redeploying the CATR in such a way as to reduce AT costs seems strange. There needs to be more support for PT, walking and cycling, micromobility, and various other options in those parts of the city

7. What else is important to you?

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

Overall the council budget is taking too little account of the strategic need to account for climate change. The financial squeeze is real, but failure to maintain current services while boosting those that would help address CC will simply increase costs

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- 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 specifically wish for the reduction in Arts funding to withdrawn relating to

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants

I have worked in the arts in both New Zealand (Auckland Specifically) and Sydney for almost 20 years before that I studied Acting in New York. What I learnt in this time is that life blood of any great city is it's arts sector. The Arts is vital not only to the cultural health of any major city but also its financial and mental health and the nation as a whole. The value of the arts is harder to define than a simple dollar and cents amount but it impacts nearly all industries and services. The councils proposed cuts are incredibly short sighted and will do huge damage to the city the region and the country.

This is not the time to be reducing funding but to invest more in the future of our cities cultural life.

For performers, organisers, arts companies and other industries that benefit from the flow of money created through the arts (from landlords, hospitality, transport providers, to name just a few) these cuts would be devastating- many of these jobs when gone may not come back for years.

I implore the council to stop such a short sighted and dangerous budgetary cut from going ahead.

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

Tell us why: I think this short sighted and be worse for Aucklanders in long run with fewer assets and worse services

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

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

Tell us why: This is a best balance

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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: Arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres

Public transport reductions

Art gallery support

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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 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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and

arts, 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?

7. What else is important to you?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All f these services are very important to me, especially public transport since I don't drive and rely on it for myself and my children and reducing traffic is important in my view for environmental and economic reasons

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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 maths seems wonky here. Dividends pay indefinitely. Public ownership of a major transport hub is more democratic as well.

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 we don't prepare for future weather events, then we can expect ongoing poor response to infrastructure and property damages. I don't know the economics of how much these things cost, but it'll save money in long term. Be smart about it.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and

wetland, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemata waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: I don't want to live in a degrading environment. Our waterways are disgusting. Low mow areas is good idea too. Low carbon is the way of future. Let's do the work and get ready for it so people can enjoy that lifestyle with less disruption

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes, undoubtedly there are savings but don't make them at expense of environment and to benefit wealthy property owners. Consider poorer people and community groups that support community engagement and their needs. We don't want to live in a disconnected

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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: Limit cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

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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Tell us why: I think that selling valuable shares is shortsighted.

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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: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

4. Storm Response

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

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:

If funding for local board 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. Waitemātā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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?

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The rates increase should at least match the rate of inflation otherwise the services delivered would automatically have to reduce

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: Selling the airport shares would be a short term fix of the current deficit but reduce earnings for the city in the future exacerbating future rates hikes.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: Set a higher rates increase particularly for business rates which were inexplicably reduced in the neoliberal revolution we have been experiencing in the last few decades.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: As the storm damage was the result of the fast worsening global warming it is essential that re-prioritisation is not used to reduce work on projects to reduce emissions. The opposite is needed: the world has a very short window left to proven catastrophes

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities are important so it is essential not to agree to budget cuts for the city and thereby the ward so it can be done fully.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: None of these activities should be cut so Auckland Council needs to gather enough revenue and borrow the rest to make that possible

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I do think the contracts with our infra structure builders are currently extravagant. Less cones less gold plated vanity projects and more practical reallocation of already available road space would save a lot of money and facilitate change faster. This

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Continue with the environmental targeted ratesIt is more important now than ever

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please support the tupuna maunga authority so it can fulfill it's kaupapa.

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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? 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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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, 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:

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?

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?

Resume the inner-west cycleways and street improvements programme

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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.

I am currently part of a community dance showcase which is the highlight of my week and incredibly fulfilling, refreshing me for my daytime job (Jang Huddle). This project would not have been possible without these funds. I also attended the KCAKL festival the other night, and it was a joy to see all generations of families and a real sense of togetherness. Please appreciate how valuable these funds are to me.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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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?

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.

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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: with all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding or a stake in what is carried out at the airport would be lost to the multinational corporations who are likely to buy these shares. If selling, rather to central government so

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: 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 \$50 million

in annual revenue

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 impact continued underinvestment in infrastructure

could have in light of predicted increases in the frequency of extreme weather events it is proposed that all environmental services provided by local

boards will be cut, from around \$200,000 per local

5. Local Boards

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support the priority of - Managing our available budgets to ensure our facilities, parks and sportsfields are well maintained and fit for purpose, I believe that sportsfields do not require

If funding for local board 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 / community programmes and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Library opening hours and services, Environmental volunteers in local parks

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), Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sports, recreation, building restoration

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? council could continue to investigate small additional

charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our city.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable):

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: Takaki Auckland Unlimited: economic development, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland venues.

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: Regardless of the history, Auckland International Airport is a commercial operation and not core Auckland Council business.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Setting high rates across the board is more equitable in the here and now and less use of debt will keep intergenerational liability lower.

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why: Climate change will see increased frequency of adverse weather events which require a constant state of emergency response readiness.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Only support: water quality & stream restoration; Leys Institute restoration & statutory seismic strengthening; renewals public spaces - aquatic spaces, playgrounds & open spaces.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Library opening hours & services and arts & community centres both attract a large number of community members' visits and uses. The others listed have far fewer numbers' impacts.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Put all as yet to be started cycle ways and dedicated lanes on hold for at least three years if not five or longer.

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? All proposed changes to rates, fees and charges to be wholly user pays.

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?

Increase rates; increase borrowing to provident statutory limits; employ user pays for all fees & charges.

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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: Definitely no cutting of Public Transport, should be far more funding. No cutting of Libraries, CAB, Art Gallery and support for Arts Festivals Writers Festival, Film Festival etc all the things that make Auckland a vibrant and liveable city as we recover from a hard few years.

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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 shares are an asset to the city, not only do they provide dividends but it ensures the airport stays in local control.

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: Invest in the future, now is not the time for austerity

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 is irresponsible and perilous to delay all mitigations to climate change. There should also be no more delays to funding for additional cycleways and extensive public transport across the city.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: All important priorities. I would add more local cycle lanes needed asap, and another indoor swimming pool.

If funding for local board 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: Need all climate change strategies possible. More marginalised and older people rely on libraries, should also prioritise community programmes and meeting places.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Charge more for all car parking and fines. Look at less subsidies for golf courses and potentially opening them up to greater community use. i.e keep as green spaces that everyone can use, reduce the amount of space for golf

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What do you think of these proposals? Improve all public transport services. Do not back track on any climate change initiatives, in fact increase them all

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 has a responsibility for creating vibrant inclusive community, that prioritises all climate change initiatives and does not cut any of the services and facilities that makes Auckland great eg, Libraries, Art gallery, museum, Aotea Centre

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

As an Auckland-based producer of an art collective, and as an art lover, I do not support these cost reductions. For us, they will completely impact the way we get funds to create our art, which we keep free for the public spaces so that Aucklanders can use our artworks freely and get inspired. We will then have to look at getting funds from other NZ cities, Australia and overseas, and might even consider relocating to another country.

As an art lover, where I recently went to a few shows from Auckland Arts Festival and loved it. Thinking of Auckland without as many cultural and art events makes me deeply sad. Going to shows, theatre, or community events, is what makes me like Auckland and enhances my life, and it makes me stay here. If we drop the number of available art and community events, I will also consider relocating for that reason.

The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your 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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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: The selling of our primary international airport shares to foreign investors loosens our ability to take immediate action if and when the time calls ie: Global pandemic.

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

Tell us why: Large conglomerates should have higher rates, equity here is better than equal. If companies earn more the rate should be higher not just a flat rate for registered businesses.

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: 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: 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?

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?

Capital Gains tax should be introduced, especially for large businesses/conglomerates.

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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, and no longer directly providing early childhood education services.

I do not support any of these cost reductions. If these reductions were to go ahead they would impact the city negatively for many years to come in terms of economy, culture and community. Reducing these services should be a last resort and they are not necessity as they have been portrayed by Auckland Council and Mayor Brown. Instead, unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase debt and raise rates to 13.13 per cent.

These cuts, specifically in regards to cuts to public transport, regional services, local board activities, contestable grants and ECE's, will impact the more marginalised and poor communities the most throughout the city. At a time of a cost of living crisis it is important to keep these services for these communities when paid or unsubsidised equivalents become unaffordable.

These funding cuts will negatively impact economy throughout the city, making it less appealing for tourists to visit and stay in Auckland. The impacts will be felt by most. They will also make Auckland a less attractive place to live for people

thinking of moving here and current residents who may decide to move away. I am personally considering moving elsewhere in New Zealand if these cuts go ahead.

People will obviously lose their jobs as a direct result from these cuts. Some organisations will be so harshly directly impacted that they will be forced to close.

These proposals are deeply saddening and frustrating as they will have huge negative impacts on what makes Auckland a great place to live.

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

Tell us why: Experts have said this is not the best time to sell these shares. These shares are an asset and should be held on to. There may be a time in the future to sell these but the time is not now.

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

Tell us why: I support both increasing rates AND making greater use of debt.

The proposed increase is very affordable so it would be advantageous to increase rates to a higher amount so that we can invest in our city and future. Wellington is increasing their rates b

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 this proposal.

With the recent floods it is obvious Auckland needs to upgrade it's outdated storm infrastructure. Events like the floods will become more commonplace with climate change. Singapore has similar rainfall regularly and does not hav

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: 'I support Increasing community resilience and connection, Ensuring our community centres and libraries meet the changing needs of our community, including looking at options for Pt Chevalier library building which is currently closed, Planning for how 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I do not support the reduction of funding for any of Albert-Eden's local board services. It's impossible to choose as all of these have their importance to me and my community. All these services are important and integral to making Auckland a liveable ci

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Whilst I support the priorities put forward, I also support the maintaining of all current Waitemata local board services. Do not proceed with ANY of the proposed 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I do not support the reduction of funding for any of Waitemata's local board services. It's impossible to choose as all of these have their importance to me and my community. All these services are important and integral to making Auckland a liveable city

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Golf courses - There is no mention of reduction of golf courses or selling land of golf courses. Golf gets played by only a few (and tends to be wealthier people) and takes up relatively large amount of resources and a huge amount of land considering. Red

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What do you think of these proposals? Food scraps targeted rate: All residents should have access to food scraps collection. Home composting should be encouraged by Auckland Council over food scraps collection through educational programmes.

CATR - The CATR was established with overwhelming

7. What else is important to you?

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

I would like to see the increase of funding for alternative transport options to create a more accessible and equally city for everyone. Increase the amount. A simple cycle lane is relatively inexpensive and the introduction of numerous cycle lanes could

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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: Equitable rates increase would involve richer properties and businesses paying proportionately more according to the value of their properties, compared to poorer property owners. Suppose hypothetically that there are 600,000 property owners in Auckland City - there are probably in fact more than that. If overall they paid rates of \$500 extra each a year, on their current rates bill, they would be supplying enough to Auckland Council to completely meet the budget shortfall through a modest rate rise. This is the only honest way to deal with the shortfall situation and to avoid stealing public property from the public in the name of balancing a budget.

It is crucial to support public transport with a policy that involves downsizing the private light vehicle fleet in Auckland by 90% and by the upsizing by 90% of users of public transport. All this to be achieved by 2030 at the latest.

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

Tell us why: Auckland Airport generates income for Auckland City Council. To sell such an asset merely to meet a temporary budget problem is neo-liberal economic idiocy.

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: Trade -offs are unacceptable. This point is answered in the Question One box.

(Q1: Equitable rates increase would involve richer properties and businesses paying proportionately more according to the value of their properties, compared to poorer property)

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

Tell us why: Request help from Central Government to repair and replace as the damage has had a wider impact than the Auckland area.

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: There has been a 30% decline in green cover in Auckland in recent years. Trees are essential for thermal control by cooling a city, for providing a habitat for wildlife especially birds, for helping to contain drainage and for stabilizing the land. Stop

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these services are important and should be supported by solving the budget through increased rates, as spelt out in my Question One comment.

However, the 55 libraries in Auckland City need special mention. They are hubs of learning, places where s

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Equitable rates is the only way to go, along with a properly designed tax system that targets the rich, especially millionaires and billionaires.

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What do you think of these proposals? Food scraps issue. Give compost bins for properties with any garden space. Food scraps containers for collection only valid for apartment dwellers.

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 most important issue for me is to reject any cuts to funding the Arts, which collectively benefit the cultural diversity of our city. Any cuts impact on long-term generational damage. Creativity needs to be a viable, visible option for present and fu

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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: It's critically important to continue funding for the homeless. Otherwise, it will increase social problems and turn the Auckland CBD into a massive Skid Row-style tent city. Early Childhood Education funding is important too. It is the only childcare option for low income families. I don't think should libraries have their hours cut, especially on the weekends because that is when they are busiest and have the most programmes happening.

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

Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I oppose reducing hours at the Central library. Both weekend days are very busy. The Central library staying open until 8pm should continue because it is a popular time for workers in the CBD to come and also for tertiary students and international students

If funding for local board 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

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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: I would NOT proceed with "Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities."

Healthy communities depend on these services. They keep us connected, enhance mental well-being and make life worth living. What kind of city will we devolve into if we don't have events and services that draw us together and help us maintain our humanity?

It's a false economy to cut funding here, because unhappy, isolated people are less productive. They place more of a financial burden on other services (e.g., health/mental health and police). As a Clinical Psychologist I constantly see the positive impacts - both emotional and economic - that come from people becoming more engaged with others, learning and bettering themselves and enjoying laughter and creativity. And I've experienced it myself; belonging to a theatre group helped me stave off depression and anxiety, which meant I could continue being a productive worker.

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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's fair to ask all homeowners to play a part in solving the city's financial problems. Increasing debt just creates a bigger problem in the longer term. It isn't fair to kick it down the road for others to solve. It's our problem, we need to deal with it

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

Tell us why: Extreme weather events will happen with increasing frequency. The financial and emotional costs of this year's events were huge. We have to do whatever we can to protect ourselves from further devastation.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: You need to add the priority of weather-proofing the city from further extreme weather events. My area (Parnell/CBD) was devastated by the flooding thanks to insufficient drainage. None of your other priorities make any sense if Waitemata area is underwat

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What do you think of these proposals? No

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

- funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited - this is counter intuitive and will reduce economic development and tourism which brings our city money

- 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

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

- regional contestable grants to save \$3 million

Instead - sell assets like under utilised community halls and venues, properties and assets, carparks and sell the golf courses

If you need to prioritise - only reduce or remove assets and services that are not highly utilised - please do not reduce services that support communities that are already under privileged, or have less access to services and funding

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Tell us why: Increase general rates higher by 8-9%

AND make greater use of debt up to 120 million

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Tell us why: I support priorities but I DO NOT support reducing funding by \$16 million especially those that serve diverse communities, young people and reduces homelessness and city safety initiatives

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Reducing or stopping those services will have greater flow on and future negative impacts

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce spending on governance or management costs - and marketing costs - still focus on getting the work done, without needing to promote it

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Auckland is in a key stage at the moment - rather than reducing investment and taking services away from communities - we should be investing in the right areas to future proof our city for future growth and climate challenges - and ensure on supporting co

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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:

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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: DO NOT REDUCE public transport services - in fact maintain the 50% fare reduction and find other sources of revenue such as charging for on-street parking and increasing the cost of parking in the CBD and other areas that are well-served by public transport. Charging for on street parking would reduce its appeal and make it easier to introduce bus only lanes on the main arterial routes allowing buses to better keep to their timetables and their improved travel times would make them much more attractive.

DO NOT REDUCE funding for Tātaki Auckland Unlimited nor for Regional Services. All of these services including our arts, culture and creative sector, CABs, libraries etc are an important part of our social infrastructure and make our city more inclusive and cohesive. I have lived in the city for more than 60 years and these are the things I boast about to visitors to the city. They are what make Auckland welcoming and help us to attract and retain new residents (in spite of the high cost of housing) and the industries that provide employment and wealth. New people, a strong cultural heart and good community services all boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous and unique.

DO NOT REDUCE local board funding - they have their finger on the local pulse and in a 'super' city it is important to support local communities to keep their unique local flavour.

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

Tell us why: It is a poor business decision to sell a strategic asset - I look at our history and see nothing good in the sale of OUR assets.

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

Tell us why: Do both - a high general rate and greater use of debt.

DO NOT reduce the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) - this would be totally irresponsible in light of the present Climate Crisis and in the wake of subs

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

Tell us why: Years of underinvestment in infrastructure meant that the water was lapping at my door at Anniversary Weekend and many of my friends and neighbours have not been able to return home. Action with long-term vision is urgent.

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Tell us why: Our local board has a strong focus on the important things in our community - our people and our environment and deliver incredible 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?) 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: Equity - libraries are an indispensable free resource for everyone.

When our young people are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits.

A low-carbon lifestyle gives us a neighbourhood where children (and adults)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No - I think cutting them at all is poor economics - they are small budgets that do so much good for their communities.

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What do you think of these proposals? Leave the Climate Action Targeted Rate alone. It was introduced with overwhelming public support illustrating that we know we have to take action now. That means a focus on efficient, reliable, clean, and affordable public transport. That should be a prio

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

DO NOT cut back on the essential infrastructure that makes Auckland a super city. Borrow what is needed now and look for other climate-positive ways to generate additional income. Charge for parking - in parking buildings and on street. Lobby central govt

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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.

I suggest in particular a lift in parking charges as an alternative funding mechanism.

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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 shares is an incredibly short-sighted move that ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding or a stake in what is carried out at the airport lost to the multinational corporati

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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

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Tell us why: I have concerns around the impact that continued underinvestment in infrastructure could have in light of predicted increases in the frequency of extreme weather events.

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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. These investments can be funded through a mix of borrowing and leveraging of rates set out above.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Other than the grants (need more info on this), all services mentioned support long-term positive initiatives, such as climate action, creating a well-rounded and well cared for next generation. You need to invest in our people to make more money for the future.

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A better AT system. It's not dependable enough for me to use to commute to work.

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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

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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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- 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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Tell us why:

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Doing this would remove essential services, make Auckland a more difficult place to live, and severely impact our minority and vulnerable communities.

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

Tell us why: This is an important asset. Selling would bring short term, small gain which is not worth it.

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: If people can actually see where our rate money is being spent there is usually less backlash to rates increases.

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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 bandaid solution to a much larger problem. This money (or a large portion of it) should instead be invested in reducing Auckland's emissions and impact on 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 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

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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? "Change which bus services are funded..." This question isn't clear - change to what specifically?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: By reducing an already unreliable public transport system on a permanent basis, taking away direct childcare, and reducing funding to arts and culture...you would be crippling the entire district

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, 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? Cap all council salaries at 100k per annum - there is no reason that anyone other than a doctor or teacher needs to be paid more than 100k

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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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Tell us why: Future planningv

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why: This community does not get the equity it deserves

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

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

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Arts and culture programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways

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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?

Art and culture, supporting community should be a priority.

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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 any of the reductions. If these go ahead, then Auckland will be for the worse for many many years to come. A short and sharp increase in rates for a few years will have a lesser impact than taking Auckland off the path of becoming a world class city. The areas where reductions are proposed would drastically hit those social groups that have already been hit hardest over the past few years.

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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: Ludicrous to sell off equity in a rapidly growing asset to plug a short term budget gap.

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Rates

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

Tell us why: The budget gap can be solved with shorter term effects by going down this route. By cutting expenditure elsewhere, it would cause ramifications which will carry on into the longer term and even further.

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: Preempting and mitigating further damage from these types of "once in a lifetime" storms (which are becoming more common) is sensible. However, although spending on mitigating damage to infrastructure is good, efforts and investment must also go towards r

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not support any of the reductions in spending on community services and activities. Waitematā and Auckland will be poorer for having lost these.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community services and those to help enable climate action and sustainability are what will empower and drive the work towards a better future for Auckland and Aucklanders.

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: I believe as Aucklanders we use every one of the areas that the council is proposing to cut or reduce funding to. I am prepared to pay for this usage and have no issue with a rates increase to cover any such increase in costs. This also applies to new services that may be planned or have been cut in the past. It's user pays and that's fine with me.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Protection of our environment should be a priority for all.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Waste reduction and community programs are also important. We need to look after the most at risk in our community. Something we aren't doing a great job of currently.

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I would like to see the Leys Library opened again soon. This was an important venue for our community and we have been without it for too long.

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Community education programmes, including climate change programmes are essential for young people in Auckland. When I was growing up, I was fortunate enough to head along to the Make a Difference Auckland Council camps each year. Not only did it give me a strong sense of community, but my passion for climate change and advocacy started through this group. As young people we were given the knowledge and the skills to be able to understand the importance of strong climate action. We are in a climate crisis - we need more climate education for Aucklanders, not less.

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. Based on internal staff advice within Auckland Council, the difference in affordability between a 7% general rates increase and 13.5% general rates increase is

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Tell us why: Extreme weather events in Auckland, and the extent of the damage that was experienced should provide sufficient evidence to proceed with the current proposal.

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Tell us why: I strongly oppose the idea of cuts to these crucial public and community services. I am aligned with the priority areas of the local board, and consider that there should be no cuts to crucial public and community services, especially in relation to clim

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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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? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

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?

Other

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

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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: Leave as it is

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

Tell us why: Do not change anything

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: Ideal with the problem when it arises

5. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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

Tell us why: Because everything should remain ,no cuts yes the new mayor is blah....we can't afford to pay rates rise

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Community facilities, services and activities, Local parks and facilities maintenance

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What do you think of these proposals? Don't change anything

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: 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.

Libraries are an essential service in Auckland. They provide safe shelter, free resources and internet, research and local history advice, and they hold a lot of community events. Librarians cannot simply be replaced by volunteers; they are multi-skilled, with adept research skills, event planning, and social worker skills. Over the years they have become more adaptable than ever before. They are such an important part of Auckland city.

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

Tell us why: It would not be sensible to sell all our shares in Auckland Airport. We may never raise the funds to be able to purchase it back and, as travel opens up again, we are only going to get returns on it.

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: It makes sense to increase rates. If we can provide similar services to Aucklanders, especially in our current climate which sees our citizens struggling with weather events, faulty public transport, and poor infrastructure, we need to continue to invest.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 worth increasing rates to invest in storm damage response. If Auckland is to bounce back from climate crisis events, we need to pool our resources and ensure that we can strengthen for future storms - which aren't a case of if, but when. There will

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Local boards are fundamental. They invest in grassroots programmes that connect people to their immediate community. Ecologically, Waitemata is in serious need of attention and local board funding is very crucial to allow both volunteers and council workers

If funding for local board 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: The elderly, those without internet services, those researching, students, children, children struggling to learn - all these people make use of libraries every single day, in a space that is safe, welcoming, and free. Understanding that most people who r

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

The Tupuna Maunga AOP is one of the few areas where local iwi and hapu are able to maintain Maori land. Since a lot of maunga were quarried and destroyed, the restoration and maintenance of the local maunga is not only important for indigenous rights but

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Higher general rates and increase debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Do not cut funding to arts, so important in a vibrant city. Also really support CAB, they do a useful job.

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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: Support for the arts is support for the social infrastructure of the city. it is far better that we address the costs of the city head on in the rating structure as a preference to widespread cuts. The balance should be 80% recovered via rates and 20% cuts to art.

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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: Better to take the rates increase up front and then set future years off a new base. reduce the pressure on debt funding for anything but major infrastructure.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: We have been underprepared historically for the floods. We can't be caught again. We must repair critical infrastructure and understand that climate change is with us now. This means thinking far beyond single budget rounds and looking to the long term

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: All this makes sense on a community level. These are the local initiatives that are best understood locally.

If funding for local board 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: All these initiatives merit support. But if three have to be chosen then environment and community resources top the list.

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

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What do you think of these proposals? Climate change impact, floods, infrastructure failures all have to be funded by a mix of debt and rates. Getting the mix right is the art here. The public posturing of city leaders is not helpful. The public needs to be reassured that genuine choices are

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This questionnaire has been well designed. It is a very helpful way of addressing difficult choices.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We are in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis. Over the past year fruit and vegetable prices have risen 23%. We are ALL struggling to live in this city. I love this city but this budget makes me fear for its future. This is not the time to cut back on services, it's a time to invest in the collective good for the future we want to build which is vibrant, accessible, thriving, environmentally focused.

- I have a well-paying, permanent job and living in this city is becoming increasingly difficult even for me. I can't imagine how difficult it is for others and this budget will only make this situation worse. Some of the services facing cuts are ones that help our lowest income and most vulnerable people: services that help youth into employment, address homelessness, help people understand their rights and access vital services. In a cost-of-living crisis these services are needed more than ever.
- Some of the services facing cuts are ones that make our communities resilient and connected - exactly what we need in the face of the kinds of emergencies and events that have occurred in recent times.
- Council workers are part of the community too, and the wages we pay them go back into our community. The proposed cuts put their jobs at risk.

The irony of this proposal is astounding. While in the same breath as saying that libraries don't need to be staffed by professionals or suggesting that their opening hours are reduced, the advice on where to seek guidance with filling out this form is, where? A LIBRARY. Where do homeless people in the CBD go on cold days? A LIBRARY. Where do elderly or isolated people go to seek community and company? A LIBRARY. Libraries are essential community hubs. We will be immeasurably impoverished if we start reducing their place in our society.

It seems to me that this budget is attempting to make living in this city more difficult for everyone except for the rich. Who benefits from reducing access to Citizens Advice Bureaus? CABs are there for people who can't access other paid forms of advice. They are there for new migrants, refugees, people on benefits, or others who just don't know where to go. The thought of losing this is a terrifying prospect and an enormous threat to our civil liberties. Who are you doing this for? I can only think that there is a nefarious reason.

The proposed suggestions regarding permanent reduction of bus services and increase of user fees is the stupidest thing I've ever heard. We are in the the middle of a cost of living crisis, the climate crisis is upon us, driving around our congested, poorly laid out city that was not designed to accommodate all of the cars we already clog its streets with is a nightmare. WHY ARE YOU PROPOSING TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO CATCH PUBLIC TRANSPORT??- I live in a public transport black hole in an inner city suburb - I either walk 20 mins, catch two buses and then walk another 15 mins to my workplace in Parnell or I drive. Driving will see me sitting at ONE set of lights for 20 minutes or more. Our city is already struggling and bursting at the seams - this proposal will make this SO much worse

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

Tell us why: We are at a low point in the market - why would you look to sell shares now?? This would offer a (low) one-off return and destroy any chance of future income for our city from this asset. Also once sold these assets are nearly impossible to get back. Loo

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

Tell us why: • The council should consider raising general rates beyond the 4.66% (or an average of around \$3 per household per week). This amount is below inflation, which means that in real terms it's not just failing to keep up, it's going backwards.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 have all been impacted by the devastating weather events of 2023. We have all seen how crucial it is to invest in infrastructure that will help prepare us for more of these events in the future.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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I just want to reiterate that I am greatly concerned about:

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Other

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

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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 shares like this ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding or a stake in what is carried out at the airport lost to the multinational corporations who are likely to buy these

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

Tell us why: The Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help avoid

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

Tell us why: A lot of the damage caused by flooding was preventable through better investment in sound infrastructure. These extreme weather events are likely to increase due to climate change and we need to be prepared.

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Tell us why: Cuts to the library hours are a big concern. This will be particularly detrimental to unhoused and vulnerable population who rely on the Auckland Central and Grey Lynn libraries for access to shelter during tough weather, power to charge devices, free in

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Tell us why these are most important to you: They are essential to many Aucklanders lives

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What do you think of these proposals? Extend food scraps service to all of Auckland region, not just urban and semi-urban areas. Also the council should continue to investigate small additional charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our city.

7. What else is important to you?

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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. To emphasise your point, you can draw on the fact that these investments can be funded through a m

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A Better Budget for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

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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.

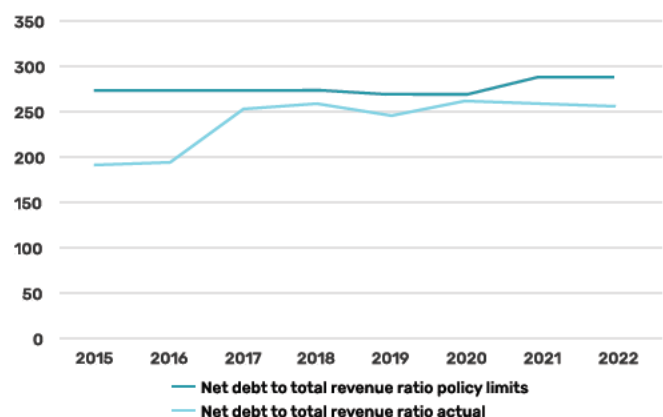
The cuts could affect – among other things – cultural events, library services (including services that support community safety), Māori and Pasifika employment (through reduced support of The Southern Initiative and The Western Initiative), Early Childhood Education services, and organisations like 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?

100 Balanced budget requirement

- (1) A local authority must ensure that each year's projected operating expenses.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), a local authority may set projected expenses if the local authority resolves that it is 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, including the estimated expenses associated with assets throughout their useful life; and
 - (a) the estimated expenses of achieving and maintaining a long-term plan, including the estimated expenses associated with assets throughout their useful life; and
 - (b) the projected revenue available to fund the estimated expenses and integrity of assets throughout their useful life; and
 - (c) the equitable allocation of responsibility for funding throughout their useful life; and
 - (d) the funding and financial policies adopted under Section 190(2)(a); amended, on 27 November 2010, by section 47

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 *	\$50.9
Existing Council rates package *	\$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 ($76.3 \times (2/3) = 50.87$).

[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" ($20 \times 4.66 = 93.2$); <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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Many of the proposed cuts (reduction in bus services/ frequency, community, arts and culture programmes, regional events, youth centres, library hours, local board funded activities) would be inconsistent with Auckland Council's functions under s10 of the LGA2002. The reduction in bus services/ frequency are also consistent with Auckland Council's role under the LTMA and RMA.

I support cutting early childhood education services (this is a role of central government and the private sector), I support some increases in prices at venues in Auckland.

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

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

Tell us why: The shares help to diversify Council's revenue base over the long-term reducing reliance on rates. The last few years have been a notable exception in performance of AIAL largely due to the Covid pandemic.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: Greater use of debt should be used as capital works will provide value to existing and future residents. In addition to more debt, Auckland Council should look to make greater use of fines (e.g. bus lanes, parking) to raise capital. With restrictions on f

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 obviously important but its not clear how \$20m will help council prepare for future storms when the extent of damage indicates large scale property acquisition and capital works are likely required to mitigate or reduce impacts of high intensity r

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 use of no-mow policies in our public parks is critical. This has several benefits of reduced operational expenditure, improved biodiversity and increased resilience to climate change. Rather than "investigations" it should be broadened to a perce

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: community events are critical to the vitality of our city. Libraries are a critical resource for all residents, especially our children and low mow areas should help reduce the operational cost of maintaining public spaces.

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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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? move to a user pay model for waste management based on the weight of waste (i.e. encourage people to use less waste).

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: - Public transport is essential to any large city and funding should be increased, not reduced.

- Keep early childhood education service is a no brainer as well. 1 million is a paltry sum, but the service rendered is priceless.

- And keep funding museum and tourism promotion, it's worth every penny.

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

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

Tell us why: The airport is an asset, its value is only going to go up.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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: These are important services that should not be cut - they are integral to addressing climate change, and building community, attracting visitors to the city.

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

Tell us why: Bad time to sell shares. Once gone, they are gone forever and the Council will no longer have asset base to leverage into the future. Auckland Airport is also the gateway to Auckland.

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

Tell us why: I think the Council should do both - set higher rates and increase debt. This is not an option above.

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

Tell us why: Given our changing climate it's important to improve our storm water infrastructure. We had water rushing down our street during the recent storms - the drains could barely cope and at once stage did not and some houses were flooded.

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 the priorities; however, the 'devil is in the detail'. I do not support reduction of Library and CAB services., community gardens, cultural festivals and events. I do not support reduction of funding for improving waterways - Western Springs in

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: A low blow to make us prioritize. All are important. Transport, cultural events and environment are key areas. By all means improve efficiency etc but services should be funded by increased debt and rates.

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? The Climate Action Targeted Rate should be left and used for the purpose it was set up for. Not used for something else. Defeats the purpose and weakens impact of the fund. I support investment in buses, cycleways and walkways. We are increasingly using t

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

I support funding for cleaning up the environment -our waterways, maintaining and increasing walking paths, cycleways, continuing support for our community gardens, cultural festivals and events, teaching & support for our young people, keep our Libra

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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: You shut down all of these community funded projects then you shut down the life and soul of the city This is why I live here. In the last 10 years Auckland has become a vibrant people focused 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: If Aucklanders can ask for 8 helicopter pads on Waiheke Island we can as rate payers afford to all pay a little extra.

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: All of these issues need to be addressed now. Now's the time to invest

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I've lived in the city now for the last 8 years and I've seen it change and grow into a most desirable place to live, shop, relax and entertain both national and International visitors. It's become people friendly and focused and aesthetically a beautiful place

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I personally engage in all those three areas and more. Its why I live here

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: The proposed cuts do not make sense for a city the size of Auckland, supposedly stepping assuredly into the future. Reduction in spend on safer streets, cycleways, Local Boards, and myriad community services reflect short-term thinking, and will have long-term adverse impacts, while handing the true costs of achieving a livable city on to future generations. This is irresponsible.

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

Tell us why: Ditto previous answer. Rates should be increased by 8-9%.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support all these priorities, and do NOT support any proposal that constrains the Local Board further financially.

If funding for local board 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 do NOT support any reduction in Local Board funding. Period. Local Board budget should be increased in line with inflation, at least. All of the services listed are essential for the well-being and future of Waitemata.

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What do you think of these proposals? In general, I believe that the General Rate increase should be higher than proposed. However, I agree with increasing the user charges for some of the services above, as indicated.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I disagree with the overall approach to reducing costs, paying down debt, and keep rates artificially low. This approach is basically passing the buck to future generations to re-establish services and programmes that are essential for the good of the cit

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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: I would not proceed with any of the reductions. All of these things are what defines a city, what makes a city liveable. All of the facilities and services supported have been built up over decades involving extraordinary commitment by dedicated people. To reduce them will be appalling vandalism. Reductions in these services will effect community well-being

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Tell us why: To sell is a shortsighted vision. It's a gamble and quite possibly the dividend will be higher

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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'd rather spend extra on our own city than have to travel for the experience I can get 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: There has been neglect in this area and so we need to better the systems we have.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals? Households who compost their own food waste should not have to pay for food waste bin

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: Why on earth would you consider cutting funding to already rubbish transport services? We need MORE public transport not less, particularly as climate disaster comes nearer and nearer. The idea of cutting funding to community and education programmes and social services is deplorable. We NEED these youth centres and funding for homelessness to protect those of us that are vulnerable. I would be happy to pay an increase in my rates if these services can be supported as best as possible.

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

Tell us why: Higher rates AND higher debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate action needs to be the #1 priority at the moment.

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

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

Tell us why: There are other assets that would be more appropriate to sell e.g. golf courses

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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Make greater use of debt for climate resilience. Put greater pressure on govt to fund large infrastructure projects to reduce pressure on budget.

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: Need to learn from recent events and prepare for more frequent events of that scale to avoid more damage and cost on society over 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 most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, 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: Private sector may be more likely to pick up cultural and community events rather than environmental. All are important.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Look into selling under utilized land and cutting roading infrastructure projects which increase emissions, and do not cut relatively minor community, cultural and environmental spending which are important to communities.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	I don't know
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Reduce AT spending by significantly more.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Waste management rates changes	
Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase,	Do not support

b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

Focus on rubbish bins, public toilets and cleanliness. Get rid of the rental bikes and scooters that are a safety hazzard in the CBD. just don't renew the contracts. Clean the homeless and beggars and drunks off the streets of the CBD.

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I strongly oppose the reduction in funding of Tataki Auckland Unlimited. Funding for this organisation is vital for Auckland and promotes us as a destination for tourists, business events, sporting groups, cultural events, entertainment, etc. These guests and events are essential for Auckland businesses and also for our residents.

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? 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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Tennis Auckland & ASB Classic

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: Smaller cuts in all listed areas, but especially for Tataki Auckland Unlimited

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: Completely selling off 100% of the stake in a strategically vital asset is unwise, especially at a time of post-COVID growth by the airport and an impending return to dividend payouts

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? Other

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

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Ōrākei Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? Do not support

Tell us why:

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Rank	Proposed Priorities
3	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
5	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
2	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
1	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
4	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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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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24 March 2023

Auckland Council
135 Albert Street
Auckland CBD
Auckland 1010

To the Auckland Council,

Re.: Submission on the Auckland Council Annual Budget 2023/24

Outlined below is Tennis Auckland's submission to Auckland Council on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/24.

We acknowledge the fact that Auckland Council is under severe budgetary pressure and a range of measures are required to meet the expected budget shortfall, plus the increased cost of the City Rail Link project, and unexpected costs related to the Auckland Anniversary weekend storms and Cyclone Gabrielle. However, in the post-Covid recovery environment, both Tennis Auckland and our members are struggling with the financial sustainability of their organisations, hence proposed budget cuts will have a negative impact on our sport and our communities.

We have limited this submission to a short overview of Tennis Auckland, a summary overview of our position on the recommended budget, and a more detailed response to specific areas of the budget that specifically relate to tennis in Auckland. We assume that all Councillors are aware and accept the value of sport from an individual and collective health and well-being perspective, and its positive impact on personal development/socialisation and community cohesion, so we do not need to provide any detail on these aspects of sport and tennis.

Tennis Auckland Overview

- An incorporated Society acting as the Regional Sports Organisation for tennis in Auckland, from the Harbour Bridge to Pukekohe
- 53 affiliated local tennis clubs with 11,000 registered members
- 100,000+ casual tennis participants (third party sports participation survey)
- Owner/operator of four regional and sub-regional tennis centres – Stanley Street Tennis Centre (Parnell), Merton Road Tennis Centre (St Johns), Manukau Tennis, Sports & Community Centre (Clover Park) and Nicholson Park (Mount Eden)
- Event owner and manager of the ASB Classic, an international tennis tournament, licenced by the WTA and ATP Tours

Overall Feedback on Proposed Budget

- The proposed budget, as it stands, would result a dramatic, and in Tennis Auckland's view, an unacceptable negative impact on the social fabric of Auckland, it's people and sporting, artistic and cultural landscape
- The proposed budget would undermine Auckland reputation and standing as one of the most "liveable cities" in the world, and make life in the city considerably more difficult for residents from lower socio-economic backgrounds

Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Budget

- The proposed \$27.5m cut to the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited budget will have a significant negative impact on Auckland's sporting, artistic and cultural landscape
- ASB Classic, Tennis Auckland's flagship tournament is the biggest sports-entertainment event in terms of GDP contribution to the Auckland region (\$15.2m in 2023), nearly 3 times higher than the average for other events
- 12,000+ out of town visitors, including 1500 overseas visitors
- Auckland's name and imagery seen by 13.9m worldwide TV viewers
- Reduced financial support of the ASB Classic will put the event under significant financial pressure/jeopardize its ability to keep attracting top playing talent, and we would need to reduce branding and exposure for the city

Capital Funds

- The recent storms have re-ignited the project to redevelop the Stanley Street Tennis Centre, including implementing a roof structure
- Venue redevelopment will enhance the ASB Classic, and the tennis centre would become a more attractive multi-use venue, improving its contribution to Auckland GDP
- The inability to access capital grants will put the redevelopment project in jeopardy

Local Board Grants, Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, and Regional Sport and Recreation Programme Grant

- Grant reductions from the above sources will lead to reduced repairs and maintenance, capital improvements, and operational activities
- Council assets would fall into disrepair
- Cuts would have a negative impact on participation levels, especially for economically disadvantaged youth

Land & Buildings Lease Fees

- These would be a financial hammer blow to small clubs – 36% of Tennis Auckland's clubs have under 100 members
- Fees will be passed directly to participants, as most clubs will be unable to absorb them – 70% of our small clubs are in lower socio-economic suburbs

Yours sincerely,



Rohan West
Chief Executive Officer
Tennis Auckland



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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- 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: transport in auckland is already atrocious, we need more non-car transport options not the limited amount we have now. The Zoo, gallery and stadiums provide spaces for families and aucklanders to gather, they are part of local community culture. And most importantly if we want to change crime, education levels, have more unified systems where disenfranchised people feel connected - we need more social services and educational programs

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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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Local community events, Community climate action and sustainability activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Library opening hours, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Community leasing 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?

Services to arts, tamariki and disenfranchised people have significant impact on our communities and the health of our culture and society - we need more support for our people, not less.

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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: Funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development etc. 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:

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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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Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why: Refurbishing Titirangi War Memorial Hall doesn't sound like a priority with current economical situation

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Community facilities, services and activities, Local parks and facilities maintenance

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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 but maintain funding for Tataki Auckland and regional services on the basis that it activates the community, creates community spirit and stimulates spending.

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Tell us why: As long as the airport is the main point of entry in NZ it will continue to generate some income, which should grow in a future with improved aviation technology.

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Tell us why: I agree with the balance.

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Tell us why: Because the Earthquake & War Damage model works.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Capital renewals are not as important currently and storm damage restoration and mitigation.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and

Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemātā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Because people need bread and circuses, and waste minimisation is environmental education.

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

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Maintaining currently reduced transport services does not help our city get our people out of their cars and reducing emissions. Or help with traffic congestion.

You cannot take any further funding from the arts. As it is, the last couple of years has been hard for everyone, and this will mean those smaller community galleries will struggle, or close. They are such an important part of our communities, both for the artists and viewers alike. Giving so much through diversity and education. Money is always taken first from the arts rather than say sports as an example. Most artists are struggling to survive yet give so much to our communities and various ethnicities.

I suggest selling your shares in Auckland Airport instead.

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Tell us why: That is a large additional sum to help with expenses and a private equity company can buy the airport.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

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: These storms appear to becoming more frequent so this is probably a necessity.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I find it ironic that one of your priorities is to prioritise programmes that support community connection, yet you are planning to cut the arts 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: The arts are important for all ages, ethnicities and creating a sense of community. Allowing for people to express themselves in a multitude of ways.

Low Carbon lifestyles are the future to save our country/planet for our further generations.

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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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.

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? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: 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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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: Reducing funding for Auckland Transport services will make it even harder for commuters to get to work. We have too many cars on the road as it is.

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

Tell us why: Selling shares when the market is low means we would get less money than we could get otherwise and cut off any opportunity to leverage this asset.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Set a higher 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: With increasing extreme weather events and climate change worsening, Auckland needs to be more resilient.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I especially support the priorities in climate change mitigation and would like to point out that while plantings are very important, they do not mitigate climate change - they just prevent it from getting worse. The best way to mitigate climate change is

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

Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemata waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: We are in a climate crisis so our governing bodies need to prioritise climate action.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I oppose budget cuts. There are a lot of very wealthy people in my area who I am sure would be absolutely fine if they had to pay more taxes.

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What do you think of these proposals? I support the changes to waste charging and I would like to emphasise that all areas should have food waste collection available.

The proposed changes to CATR would mean less funding to Auckland Transport. I support MORE investment in buses, walking, and cycling.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I would like to see more action being done about the emissions our city is creating. I also strongly believe we should ban cruise ships - they are terrible for the environment and they only contribute 2% to our tourism economy.

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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 cuts to the reduction of 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. Why you shouldn't, is this is what makes Auckland the thriving and multicultural city it is. Stop trying to run the city like a private corporation

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

Tell us why: I don't believe the dividends are as important as the cuts to the lifeblood of this city with the proposed cuts to literally EVERYTHING else

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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 cost of living crisis is hitting everyone hard. By all means stop pay increases to council employees, especially those at the top.

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

Tell us why: A 1% increase can be dealt with as long as not with the extra 4.66% increase proposed

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 your proposals will completely and utterly screw the lifeblood of this city. Festivals and community projects all help to raise this city up. Our kids are growing up with a rich tapestry of events and understanding of other cultures thanks to the

If funding for local board 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: This is terrible. NONE of them deserve to be cut and by only offering 3 options that is incredibly disingenious so as to skew your results

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes, less huge paychecks at the top!

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 Maunga are very important to this city and its people and we should indeed ensure that Tupuna Maunga Authority retain the ability to keep these as sacred places.

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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: WSe're in this situation because successive populist local government regimes have refused to keep income at a level to meet infrastructure maintenance demands. The proposed cuts will reduce the quality of life for ratepayers and reduce Auckland's competitive advantage as a city. People make decisions to live and visit a place directly because of the quality of the arts and culture offering. The proposed cuts will have long term drastic affects on Auckland's arts and culture

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Rates

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Local 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: During the weather events recently community groups in many neighbourhoods were more effective than Council services. It seems crazy not to provide base level support to community groups whom we depend on in emergency and non emergency situations all the

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I am not in a position to answer this question

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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?

While this situation has been described as a budgetary matter the net effect of the proposals, if implemented, would be to reduce the quality of life in Auckland. It seems to me that the Council's overall mission is to enhance the quality of life for Aucklanders.

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Most reductions make sense. Some of the activities proposed for funding reduction should be the responsibility of central government anyway (e.g early childhood education). However, totally disagree with any decrease in funding for CAB and libraries. CAB is vital in supporting Aucklanders without the ability or access to services they provide e.g. Justice of the Peace, legal advice on adhoc topics, info about Auckland. Libraries in my opinion are the only council service that is run really well. Libraries provide access to knowledge and encourage a love of reading which is useful for all Aucklanders to have nearby. Furthermore they provide meeting rooms/equipment which otherwise would not be available for some Aucklanders

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Tell us why: Can see no reason for Auckland Council to own shares in Auckland Airport. The Council should be responsible for the basics - providing infrastructure, transport, building consents, and maintaining services such as rubbish collection etc. Can't do this ver

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

Tell us why: Agree with all except there should not be a difference in rates between what residential and business ratepayers pay. If anything businesses should pay more in rates. Businesses and Residential ratepayers should at a minimum pay the same level of 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: \$20 million is a drop in the bucket for repairing (and then building) new infrastructure. There needs to be more significant investment in building and repairing new infrastructure and it needs to happen quickly. Building consents for housing has to be r

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Most make sense but why is the focus on Leys library repair? The new library is doing just fine

If funding for local board 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: Library is excellent - provides an opportunity for people to read who may otherwise be unable to afford it and offers a brilliant service. The ability to share resources (i.e books amongst libraries) cuts down the costs anyway and provides everyone with t

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? If you actually had staff working around the clock i.e. three shifts to upgrade/fix/develop infrastructure, not only would it improve times for delivery, it would also reduce overall staff costs (saving the council money) as the project would be finished

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

The function of the council should focus on doing what it is meant to do - that is provide infrastructure, building, waste management, services to Auckland people that they otherwise couldn't afford. All the other stuff is nice to have's when these thing

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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.

Funding in the arts is always a go-to budget cut and it's always a bad idea. Art and entertainment is what makes life worth living, and funding the arts helps to support and grow an industry that brings in billions of dollars a year to the country. The arts are part of an ecosystem that supports Auckland's hospitality and nightlife, when the arts suffer, other large sectors suffer as well. Without funding the arts, Aucklanders quality of life will suffer, as well as the economy 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:

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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

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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 cut any arts or library funding!! Arts and reading are what make life enjoyable. Cut council salaries. So many in the Transport Department are on over \$200k pa!! This is wicked!

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: Sell. We can't afford it.

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: Don't foist this generation's problems on to the next generation. Sort infrastructure now and let the people who have made lots of money on their properties - like me!! - pay for it.

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

Tell us why: Drainage is a basic council issue. Sort it!

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 things are vital. Leys Insitute is a priority.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, 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: Everything on this list important to me. But everyone needs access to books. Waterways provide bird sanctuaries and protect marine life. Ditto pest control and keeping our natural environs safe. These things should be Council priorities. Raise rates and r

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Agree no free lunches. No pay raises in this economic climate. It's radical but maybe there's a council tax on overseas companies selling their wares in Tamaki Makaurau? Prada and Louis Vuitton and Lime scooters and all the other international companies t

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What do you think of these proposals? The pool fencing and spa pool compliance affects me - and is already expensive - but I don't think anyone else should have to subsidise this as it's a luxury and I'm lucky to have a pool/spa and should pay for it.

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 funding or library services or public amenities like pools. Cut council wages first and reduce, reduce, reduce the number of council employees in managerial roles. We just need council people who are out doing the mahi!!!

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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 currently reduced public transport service is making it so much harder to navigate the city, ive been in huge lines waiting for buses and three have driven past in a row completely full which makes commutes so much harder and more stressful. We cannot be a modern city without a functioning public transport service investment needs to be made now and public transport should not be negotiable

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

I am most supportive of funding for public transport, community gardens and actions which clean up waterways and improve public green areas in the city

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The loss of income will affect the people of Auckland that need access to these services the most. Increased costs to Auckland's facilities affects those that cannot afford to pay. An increase in rates can ensure that increased access for all is more possible.

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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: Over the long term the dividends will be more than the short term benefits of sale.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt to ensure that our infrastructure can be upgraded as required. The longer we delay the more expensive it becomes.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Without the funding for these priorities there will be significant flow on effects as they will not be able to funded in other ways.

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

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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: Rates increase needed to avoid irreparable damage to communities

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Waitemata board need to be able to continue their important work

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

I would like to see some golf courses sold e.g Remuera. The space could be used much more usefully.

Raise parking fees. They haven't changed for some time and we need to discourage vehicles in the city as much as possible

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Tell us why: AIAL is a valuable source of funds for Auckland Council. Entities such as Panuku and ATEED or Auckland Events or whatever its called should be scrapped . Panuku is an arm of local developers and the city gets no benefit. ATEED can be reinstated to a more

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: More debt is unsustainable. Future generations are being asked to pay for past and the current fiscal irresponsibility..

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: Existing funds should be redirected from the CCO's to cover storm management. The CCO's have become bloated out of control organizations who succumb to lobbying and are totally unaccountable

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Priority should be given first and foremost to the Leys Institute restoration. It is appalling this has been allowed to drift unaddressed. Education is promoted as being an important driver in NZ and Leys has always been a critical part of assisting in 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?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Leys Institute needs to be restored and OPENED . The opening hours are incidental at this stage. We just want a library back

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? STOP building cycleways...they are rarely used. Our area has enough now. REcreational cycling should be in outer suburbs not in the central city anyway

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

CUT the council spending. It is out of control

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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'm honestly amazed that cutting of these services is considered a viable option for council. All of the services listed above are the core services that make a city vibrant and liveable.

I am a young professional living in Auckland CBD, and when I think of my future living in this city, I see all of these services as crucial. These services provide so much bang for your buck in wellbeing for vulnerable citizens.

Previously when I lived in Wellington, I used to volunteer with former refugee resettlement. We relied heavily on CAB to support these former refugees. They will be significantly burdened by this loss. I know the same is true for many other vulnerable people with many of these services.

Raising rates seems like such an obvious answer. It is a progressive tax where wealthy land owners already have such an incredible tax break just from owning land. For such a small cost (probably not even noticeable?) cost for the wealthy among us, the vulnerable can be so well supported.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Put the rates way way up.

It is a progressive tax on property. Capital in property is not being invested locally in productive causes.

Property owners are far less vulnerable.

I would really love the Auckland Council to show some courage and listen no

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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? Support for bus services and cycle lane development reduced congestion and is better for emissions. It is also just so much more enjoyable to use than a car centric city.

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: The Community needs the Sense Of Community supported.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These services provide vital support to the Community.

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 important to me is the Cultural Health of this City.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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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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- 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: Maintain current funding across community services, instead Increase reduction of public transport service funding

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

Tell us why: Don't sell the shares as it is a very short sighted solution, increase dept for short term requirement.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?) Parks planning and investigations

Tell us why these are most important to you: The parks planning is terrible in my area

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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 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: Because they consider our youth future

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

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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: There are industries which risk failure without the council funding, especially the arts - I understand it is not currently the most profitable industry, however the journey in the recent years have been challenging, and I strongly believe that with just a couple more years of thriving, the arts will become an area which defines the success of the city and therefore result in much greater financial success in the long-term. Without the funding, the years of striving to survive through the tough Covid times will come to nothing (arguably the performing arts sector has been affected just as negatively as the hospitality sector, if not more), and this will have an incalculable detrimental impact on so many people's lives in the long term - whether they're part of the industry or ones outside the industry - not only those who could have gained joy directly from the arts but everyone who would've benefited from the financial profits that follow the promotion of arts in Auckland.

I believe the classical music industry is one that could really save and lift up Auckland, defining the city as the single best hub for music in the country - currently it's unfortunately still Wellington, but the musicians in Auckland have so much potential to turn that over, and they have made so much progress already. It would be a huge shame to miss that opportunity because of just one year of lack of funding and lack of activities to continue this progress as a result - a discontinuation that could seriously impair the entire progress that has been achieved over the past numerous years.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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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: 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.

Def reduce expenditures within boards and local councils!

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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: Taking some short cuts on expenses now will only need to be spent sometime in the future, ie kicking the can down the road

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Its not the council's role to invest rate payers money for profit. These funds are better to bring down the debt.

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 user pays services where applicable to help put the responsibility on the public, voting with their money on what is important for them.

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

Tell us why: Not getting repairs/preparation done now may cause more damage and be more expensive to resolve in the time required. It not just about money but also the work load on resources available.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

I would like to ask if the redevelopment of "The Landing" at Okahu Bay from a boat haul out facility into a common purpose area is within the budget. The budget talked about continuing to maintain parks and recreation areas but does this include the conveyance?

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not make any changes to art gallery or library services. These are essential.

Do not make any changes to CAB services. These too provide a great service to people.

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: This is an on-going income stream for Aucklanders. We must hold on to as much as we can. Likewise the Port.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? 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: People cannot be hit further with higher rates.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Is this a one-off cost? What do we get for it?

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Where is the re-opening of the Pt Chevalier library?

If funding for local board 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: They are essential to the quality of life in Auckland.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? agree with cutting event spending.

Do not proceed with Erebus sculpture in Rose Gardens.

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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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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:

Saving money on public transport

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing regional contestable grants.

These things are all part of an ecosystem that makes Auckland one of the world's most livable cities.

- People need transport options, public transport is one of those, and necessary if we are to meet emissions targets.

- TAU returns far more to Auckland than it costs: picking up the tab for events that are important to Aucklanders (Diwali, Lantern Fest, etc), reducing ticket prices at the spaces that matter to Aucklanders (zoo, etc); supporting business - it was TAU the govt turned to to deliver the Covid business support programmes.

- Auckland is more than just the CBD and a few select suburbs. Local boards, regional services and regional grants help ensure the entire city is prosperous and vibrant, a place people want to live and work.

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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? 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?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are important because these are the things that bring people together, ie, create a community.

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? The support of a city is best done through rates. If there is a shortfall, increase rates.

7. What else is important to you?

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

1) Reduction in Cultural Events

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

2) Job Losses

Many artists, performers,

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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 work for the Auckland Art Gallery and am an avid consumer of the arts in Auckland. Arts and culture provide a vital source of enjoyment, community and employment/self employment to a vast number of kiwis. Going to the art gallery, enjoying a music gig, utilising public arts programmes - this is what keeps so many of us happy, inspired, and enriched during a time in our society in which a plethora of pressures and worries weigh on us constantly. It is not easy to get by when the cost of living is constantly increasing - and yet, arts is relief from this, a way to connect with others and feel real joy. The arts isn't the area we should be choosing to cut costs from first. Without the arts, we wouldn't have entertainment, leisure, music, a place to meet with friends and family, an activity to look forward to, a way for the creative-minded to make money doing the things we love. We also would have significantly less to offer to tourists who have just recently started to flow back into the country, eager to explore our culture and spend good money to do so - I myself interact with countless overseas visitors at work every day who first and foremost have come to us to see some "New Zealand art." Please reconsider your approach - I think there is a way to adjust our costs as a city without reducing funding for many of the facilities and services that provide Aucklanders with happiness and entertainment on a day-to-day basis. The arts have already suffered enough with the implications of Covid. Speaking of - do we all remember what we were consuming while we were all stuck at home as a means to get by and stay somewhat happy? Music, TV shows, literature etc. When it boils

down to it, every one of us consumes and relies on the arts and local creators in some way, even if they are not directly aware of it.

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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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Keep the funding for the zoo.

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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: Reducing debt will help everyone.

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

Tell us why: Rates are already incredibly high.

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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: That is what insurance is for. A white stickered tenanted house was changed to yellow sticker at tenants request, so they could get try to get a rent reduction. But house was fine. Too bad about the owner of the property, Tenant refused to move out.

5. Local Boards

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Tell us why: Most of these have a huge volunteer man power, so Council is getting a huge amount of value for a small amount of 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?) Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Inanga spawning sites, Environmental programme volunteers, Parks maintenance level of service

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to protect our environment. So then long term, people want to live in Auckland and Council will get more rate payers.

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What do you think of these proposals? Only charge \$40.00 for those wanting to increase their bin size. Shouldn't penalise those making LESS waste.

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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:

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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 extremely concerned at some of the reductions proposed. The cuts that will affect the Zoo, cultural programmes and educational programmes, the library, the CAB, Art Gallery are of huge concern to me. These things are at the heart of our wonderful diverse city. I think borrowing is a reasonable course to take and as I understand it is well within the capability of the council.

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

Tell us why: how about selling a golf course or two.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: I am happy for a bigger rates increase but I do understand that is hard for some. Maybe that could be managed by hardship provisions.

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

Tell us why: Storm readiness is extremely important. Large storms are one of our biggest threats. In addition climate change must be addressed. Public transport support and increasing cyclability and walkability of routes.

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?

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

Tell us why: If the council doesn't have control of the airport it will have to compromise with whoever does which may end up costing more in the long run

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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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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

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Public transport is a farce in this city, where is our second harbour crossing?

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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 City needs more money put into it. All the services you are proposing to cut are essential to the fabric of a healthy community. They provide low income and vulnerable communities with vital support and service. I support an increase in rates and the borrowing of money. Auckland has low rates compared with all other NZ cities.

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

Tell us why: It is outrageous to propose selling valuable shares in this asset. If they are to be sold though, they should be sold ONLY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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: The benefits of rate increases to maintain critical community and environmental services outweigh the disadvantages. I strongly recommend that a robust cost-benefit analysis is undertaken before any budget cuts or rate decreases are implemented.

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

Tell us why: Yes I think it's very important to be well prepared and ready to respond to extreme weather.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support any cut in funding to the vital services the council provides to my local community.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: Investment in restoring and building up the natural environment is more important than anything. Cuts to arts and community centre programs undermines the intelligence and emotional health of our people.

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

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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.

This rate proposal is to deliver:

170,000 more Auck

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 investing in long-term climate resilience rather than reactionary solutions.

I stress the importance of a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis being undertaken before any budget or rate cuts are implemented.

I stress the importance of comprehens

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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: I am particularly concerned about the impact on the arts and cultural life of the city. Diminishing investment in these is impacting on the long term viability of Auckland as a livable city, and is a very short term BandAid. Once our creatives have left, which they will have to in order to earn their living, it will take a long time to reinvigorate the performing arts sector - and the proposed cuts come on the heels of mismanagement of the funding of the sector by Creative NZ. Our creatives are trying to make ends meet, while delivering material and performances that feed the soul and make Auckland a three dimensional place to live. The quantum that they require to retain a commitment to Auckland is minor in relation to the overall budget. A quick fix with long term consequences is no fix at all.

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

Tell us why: There is no logic to the Council owning this property, as with the port. The port has been run very badly and has gone backwards in terms of efficiency: get people involved who know what they are doing and also provide funding for reducing the COuncil's

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: In addition to this I believe there needs to be a review of requirements for developers and builders to mitigate storm water and flood plain issues. The effects of the floods on the quality of water in our western streams gives a clear indication that mo

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do feel however that there needs to be a focus on the water quality issue and the cleaning up of streams and waterways - no reduction in spending here, please.

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: do not proceed with any of the proposed reductions, with the exception of Auckland zoo, which should be closed down for humanitarian reasons

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

Tell us why: AIAL is a strategic asset and should be held predominantly by the state

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Submission on Auckland Council Annual Plan 2023/24

27 March 2023

Question 1

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

Do not proceed with cuts to:

CABs – these mostly operate out of council facilities and are staffed by volunteers, with a few paid managers. They provide a vital service to the community and potentially save expenditure on social problems and homelessness, for example. Cutting their funding will be negative for community welfare and who will provide services to fill the gap?

Heritage Festival – minimal input by council staff, as most events are run by community groups. Council merely collates the events and provides a programme. This is a very cost effective way to have community events and should be a template for other cultural events.

Homelessness initiatives – all citizens of Auckland deserve services and the homeless are no exception. Providing services to them is good for all Aucklanders and improves the wellbeing of us all.

Educational experience centres – cutting educational funding to centres such as Arataki and Ambury Farm will impact the lower socioeconomic students of Auckland the most. They benefit the most from these facilities as they may lack experiences that students from families with more resources take for granted. The value of these experiences is incalculable for their future development and can't be priced.

Public transport – very short sighted to cut these services for a multiplicity of reasons – climate emergency and reducing emissions; reducing congestion in the city to also reduce emissions and boost productivity. Most cities in the western world understand that supporting public transport is a cost that needs to be met by authorities rather than individuals.

Question 2

Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Shares can only be sold once, and this proposed sale is taking away assets and dividends from future citizens.

The shares have tripled in value in the last 10 years and will pay dividends again soon, after recovery from Covid. A public referendum is needed for council to establish a mandate to sell the shares – this is not just a decision for the present councillors.

Question 3

Some organisations are suggesting that council increases rates as well as increasing debt.

The proposed rate increase is well below the rate of inflation and could arguably be higher. The same commentators consider the council's debt to be quite manageable and able to be increased with little financial risk.

Do pause the adjustments between business and residential rates. This seems prudent.

Do not drop the targeted rates, particularly the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and the Water Quality Targeted Rate. Keeping them will help with the budget shortfall. The majority of Aucklanders surveyed want these kept and support their purpose.

Question 4

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

Question 5

Waitemata Local Board

Support most of the WLBs priorities, particularly the seismic upgrading and restoration of the heritage Leys Institute library.

Do not support any reductions to the Local Board budgets – they are the life blood of our communities and provide that specific local knowledge and input that can be lost in the wider Auckland city management. Their initiatives and grants reinforce the sense of belonging in our local communities.

A small rate increase of 0.8% would negate the need for any cuts to Local Board funding, and as the proposed rate increase is well below the inflation rate, it is not a big call.

Question 6

No opinion.

Question 7

Other Feedback

Tupuna Maunga Authority – this co-governance organisation is supposed to represent the views of all Auckland residents, not just those views of Ngati Whatua. Council has not represented the views of all Aucklanders on this Authority. The fact that the Authority has been taken to court by residents shows that there is no co-governance. Effective co-governance would not result in court action and cost the council over \$1 million in legal fees.

Stop the tree desecration and out of control expenditure by this Authority and truly work with everyone to get consensus.

Heritage Advisory Panel – this panel has existed for the life of Auckland Council until it was discontinued by the new mayor. All the other citizen advisory panels have continued under this council and there is no justification for the Heritage Panel not to exist. This Panel, which provided expert advice and community feedback on our significant heritage should be reinstated. The Panel members are volunteers who are only paid travel expenses and do not materially affect any budgets.

Leys Institute (Ponsonby Library) – this nationally significant heritage building has been mothballed for over 3 years and is rapidly deteriorating. Funds for seismic strengthening have been allocated in past council budgets for 2024.

Community consultation from the Waitemata Local Board along with council staff has produced a plan to future proof the building as a community hub for the next 30 years. However, no funding has yet been attached to this upgrading. This is a vital library service in a heritage building and it makes sense to do the upgrading at the same time as the seismic strengthening.

Allocate funding for the Leys Institute upgrade for 2024.

Stormwater

St Mary's Bay is lacking in stormwater infrastructure and suffered in the January floods, with many properties having flooded lower levels and basements, despite being on a hillside.

Upgrades to our stormwater system and increasing the water quality of discharge into the harbour is supported.

Re-establish Tree Protection

Tree protection that was stripped away by government in 2012 has drastically affected the tree cover in Auckland. While the council recognises the importance of the urban forest (ngahere), the planting of new trees is no substitute for the already established ones.

Research clearly shows the value of large trees to climate mitigation, heat reduction and most importantly, flood mitigation. Biodiversity is also enhanced with large trees.

For all these reasons our large trees must be protected again.

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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 list seems disengeniously provocative.

I have no knowlege of the direct care in the ece sector in my region (central city), even though I have 3 small children. I value it however and think it is essential not to put further burden on families at this time.

Auckland needs community gathering points such as Zoo's Galleries, stadium and venues.

The public transport system doesn't work anyway so you may as well cut that, bring in 10 000 bikes from china and drop them around the city for everyone to use. probably be cheaper

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

Tell us why: Keep the shares, it would cost more to re invest here. Seems like short term thinking.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why: I am aware of and appreciative of most of these initiatives. Especially looking forward to the Ley's being restored as a community space and library. It is not possible to use the little leys as my small children tend to run and I can't manage books 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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: Librarys are required for use by all strata of our community. Working waterways are essential part of being on the planet. Our kids are the only hope we have, the future council staff, kaitiaki

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

No mow.

Stop collecting the leaves from all the London Plane trees, pile them up in wire cages then use the leaf litter locally for mulch. Failing that stop preventing communities from doing this. We had our whole street doing this last yea

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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 would love to see our local composting initiative at Kelmarna Gardens herne bay (The Soil Factory) supported.

Also some support for eco initiatives at my childrens school Marist Herne Bay.

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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.

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: Public transport assets should be kept in public hands. Coordinating public transport hubs is difficult when airports are privatised.

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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. The post covid environment is no time to under invest in our city's infrastructure, services and culture sector.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 support the low/no mow policy.

I do not support any of the other proposals. Reductions in funds to library services, community centre services, homelessness support, events funding, environmental protection, pest reduction, & education are unacceptable

If funding for local board 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: Providing spaces for community to meet, create, and exchange ideas is important in a healthy functioning democratic community. So too is providing access to information both at libraries and through institutions like the citizens advice bureau, limiting

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

Adequate funding should be provided by the council for all services.

Increase rates and extend borrowing.

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What do you think of these proposals? The CATR should not be abandoned/cut. The fund should be used to improve and increase services. In a time when we need affirmative climate action, investment/improvement in public transport should not be jeopardised. Public transport systems need to be

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'm a self employed artist and have called Tāmaki Makaurau home for over ten years. I reside in the CBD. As an arts practitioner I see the positive effects that funding has on the arts, its artists, institutions and the public that interacts with them.

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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 reductions, I believe rates are far too low with regard to property valuations and council should be spending a lot more on infrastructure, public transport, amenities etc

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

Tell us why: Auckland airport is a critical piece of infrastructure that shouldn't be privatized

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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 be utilizing all tools available to raise funding including both higher rates and 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: \$20 million appears to be a massive underestimation given the scale of the problem faced due to global warming

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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 would like to see rates levied on land value rather than capital value in order to nudge owners towards making better economic use of the land. The number of empty/derelict/underutilized sections in inner city suburbs is a blight on the city and every e

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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 think it is ok to reduce nonessentials like arts funding in the short term only. It is NOT ok to reduce public transport services as this affects the climate and people's every day lives a lot. It is ok to increase debt some in the short term but NOT ok to increase rates currently since many people are already struggling and there is likely to be harder economic times ahead

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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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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: I think currently it is crucial to keep rates increases to a minimum since many people are already struggling and there is likely to be a recession.

I think it is important to keep improving the business rates as per the plan, since helping small businesses

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

Tell us why: It is awful to have to increase rates at all but it is true that council needs to fix a lot of infrastructure and actually look at improvements instead of just fixing problems last minute. There needs to be a lot of effort put into climate change, how to

5. Local Boards

Waiheke Local Board

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Tell us why: I think that climate and environment related activities need to be the highest priority, eg transport, carbon footprint, water quality etc since these will affect everyone and all areas of our lives. I think it is possible that some services could be a 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?) Community climate action and sustainability programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: We desperately need to do more for the climate and environment. It will otherwise cause huge problems for people, every day life, the economy, and be much more expensive in the long run to deal with as well as miserable for many of the least fortunate.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment needs the highest priority. I found it difficult to choose which of these are the highest priority.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I think council does not get enough revenue from fines for people harming others or the environment. Eg bar owners with repeated noise complaints, people littering in parks or streets, people abusing bus drivers. This could help change behaviour as well a

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Public transport must all be funded as much as possible in all areas to improve it as much as possible! It needs to be cheap and convenient for everyone!

It is good to increase fees for landfill related rubbish in any way, as this will also help us put le

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 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.

These proposed reductions would impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

We must invest in Auckland's future. If 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 bolster tourism, new residents and industry. I am a practising visual artist and these proposed funding cuts will directly impact many who work directly in the arts and the many businesses and services that

exist around practising artists - eg logistics, supplying raw material, landlords, exhibition and performance venues, teachers

If funding is cut and organisations delivering arts and culture have to be shuttered, the tap can not just be turned on, to revive arts and culture. It takes much hard graft, networking and time to become sustainable art practitioners/organisations of art & cultural. If funding is cut off this will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. Jobs will be lost which in turn will result in negative economic and societal impacts that Auckland's citizens will then be looking at AC to fix.

It will negatively impact the quality, diversity and creative thinking of our students in our schools and tertiary education facilities.

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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: Responsibly astute to realise investment & reduce interest costs of Auckland Council (guaranteed return in this economic climate of high interest rates) rather than uncertainty of share market and returns on a share holding. 18% shareholding in AIA gi

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

Tell us why: We must invest in the future of our city and its people. It is AC's job to be strategic and plan ahead for the city Auckland should be in the future. At the same time, residents face a cost of living crisis. Balance out the pain by a small rates increa

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

Tell us why: The recent storm events disproportionately impacted many of AC's most vulnerable citizens. There must be collective leadership and responses to such events (preparatory and responding to) which fall on the shoulders of AC

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I would like more targeted and creative priorities that support the growth of a vibrant culturally rich society

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: We have a great credit rating and have room to borrow more. Rates are artificially low and the costs of these cuts outweigh the benefits and short term benefits.

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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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I reject the question we should find all of the above

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

Strongly disagree with the approach proposed for this budget - we can afford to borrow more and can afford to raise rates.

Investigate savings through partial sale of golf courses. You could keep some of golf fours for green space available to the whol

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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: These are essential services for our community. Reductions here will hurt our most vulnerable.

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board 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: Climate change

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This budget claims to be looking after those who are most vulnerable in Auckland but a look at those who will be affected shows the complete opposite. What about raising rates on private golf courses, or selling just one of them? Selling two or three would eliminate all of Auckland Council's debt and fund these programmes for the next 5 years.

OR we could increase the price of public transport and make it more difficult for low income families to access child care, slash the arts budget dealing untold damage to the arts sector as well as pulling around \$100,000,000 of byspend out of the local economy.

For those who don't understand this concept, byspend is the spend made by consumers of the arts outside of the price of admission. So dinner, drinks, parking, babysitter, merchandise etc. It all flows back into the economy. But if there's no reason for people to come into town: no shows, no festivals, no events, then all of that extra spend evaporates. This in a climate where many central city retailers and businesses are hanging on by their fingernails. It's nonsense.

Rates have been artificially low in Auckland for decades they need to go up. And I know the argument here will be "well landlords will put the rent up" they do that anyway! Rents have been rising in Auckland out of pace with inflation and rate

risers for YEARS. People will charge the maximum that the market will tolerate, regardless of whether rates go up, or stay static, or go down for that matter.

I say this as a home owner and rate payer.

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Tell us why: The market is bottoming out. The idea that you would sell shares when they are at their lowest ebb is economic nonsense. Moreover, once an asset is sold that's it. We will never get it back and as light rail connects to the airport and they expand their f

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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: PUT RATES UP. I say this as a property owner. The difference in cost we are talking about between the suggested rise and one that will sustain programmes is about \$5.50 per week. And will come with increased fares to public transport that will more than ca

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

Tell us why: Are you kidding. Like actually. Did you miss that we had two 1 in 100 year events a month apart.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I'm not participating in this. Don't cut local board funds.

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: I would much rather see a higher rate increase than have Auckland's community, climate and culture initiatives defunded.

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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 short-sighted to sell now. The market is at a low point. Future opportunities for revenue are enough of a reason for it to be worth holding on to. The Auckland Airport is our tourism gateway that creates a first impression of our city and beautiful c

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rate increase, and make greater use of debt. This is needed to help pay to fix long-term underinvestment in Auckland.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: It's wise to be investing in prevention infrastructure now, as it will help us prepare and respond to future storms to ultimately reduce recovery and repair costs after future events and minimise the devastating impact on everyday Aucklanders.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Reducing funding for community events, art galleries, and cultural events will increase financial pressure on the creative community, which would contribute to a huge loss of Auckland's vibrancy.

Any reduction in the environment, natural habitats, parks

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community centres and programmes offered at the Library, Art gallery and Auckland Museum, Ellen Melville Centre, Studio one etc. are really important to maintain, Alongside integrated community programmes that have a purpose to support our long-term vision

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

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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: Local Board funding should not be cut at all - we need to be investing in our communities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: All of the above are important to me - I think its terrible you are making us choose only 3

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Do not cut funding to CAB. We should be investing in our communities to bring our residents together, not cutting off all support.

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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 should not be reduced further. It is essential that services are brought back up to standard (reduced cancellations, drivers recruited and their pay increased). At the same time people need to be encouraged to use public transport with positive stories. There's been too many negative stories about the buses not being safe and an insufficiently robust response from AT and the Council.

Auckland is a vibrant multicultural community. Tataki Unlimited's funding should not be decreased. If anything it should be increased. It is terrific to have. The various cultural festivals - whether it's the multi day Diwali one or the little Nepali one on Saturday - are real treasures. There's always something on.

The Art Gallery is a treasure. They seem to have reached a good balance of partnering with others to bring us superb international exhibitions such as the Icons and the Kahlo/Riviera, balanced with the "local" such as the splendid Robin White. The mix of paid and free events seems to be working. Even though we live in the central city, without a car, we are supportive of the exhibitions at Te Uru too.

And we have to mention the Writers Festival - simply the very best cultural event in the city. It is so important that they are able to have a high proportion of "free" events and to be able to reach out with the programme to schools.

Please maintain library services. Librarians are highly skilled professionals. The libraries have also provided the premises for important ancillary services such as the CAB and JPs.

Homelessness remains an issue in the city. It's essential that support continues to be provided from our rates and that we don't throw this back to the kindness of church based and philanthropic organisations. It's a measure of our humanity and care for all citizens.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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 partial sell off is fine. However, the airport is a citywide (indeed, nationwide) strategic facility. It is important that we retain some "say" in its management and control.

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: I'm happy to pay more rates AND for the city to carry more debt. But business needs to continue to pay a fair share. The recent floods mean that we cannot ease up on work to improve drainage and to provide safe water and sanitation for all.

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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:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

As a central city resident, without a car, I want it to be safer for pedestrians. Too many footpath surfaces are dreadfully uneven, causing falls and trips. Also cyclists and scooter riders need more encouragement to “walk the wheels” at pedestrian cross

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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 understand the need for fiscal care but our city's debt level is moderate compared to most other comparable cities and I consider the conservation, community and arts activities the Council supports crucial to the wellbeing in every sense of people in our city. To provide sports, arts and community activities for Aucklanders who cannot afford to pay for them is not just an enrichment but is crucial to the mental health of people in any modern city. That is one of the ways we become a coherent community.

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

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

Tell us why: Again, we don't need to have an extravagant debt. We can manage this debt with some fiscal planning that enables our children not to have to carry its burden.

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

Tell us why: Again, as I have said earlier. This is because our debt level is, compared to other comparable cities, not at all extravagant.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 weather events are only going to get worse. We need to be sure that we are not permitting building on land that is at risk of flooding or slipping. We need to assist with managed retreat but also to disincentivise people from building on such land,

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I find this difficult as in fact I do support all priorities of our local board who do a fantastic job - but perhaps, since all the other programs do this, anyway I might look carefully at programmes that 'support community connection, safety, wellbeing,

If funding for local board 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: This is extremely difficult. Carbon reduction is so essential.

But libraries and the arts are the life blood of our cities - without them we are a dull and depressing city and our mental health is impacted. Many small things create big change - I'm a b

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I think the no or low mow could be extended. And maybe local residents could encouraged to take care of their local parks - at least for a while. They could also do planting in their streets and parks wherever space allows of both native plants and fruit

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What do you think of these proposals? I'm supporting increases in costs for rubbish disposal because otherwise what will people do with their rubbish? Just dump it and then the council has to pay someone else to pick it up. I'm afraid there doesn't seem to be an option here.

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 am very concerned that our trees and wetlands and waterways of all kinds are protected. These are the best our carbon absorption tools. The current laws that allow people to chop down trees at will - especially developers are unsustainable. The trees

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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 vital for the future and present.

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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 airport has negative impacts on the city and in order for it to be properly held account as all other businesses are it should be separate.

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

Tell us why: Do not reduce the water or natural environment work. These are the few treasures that all Auckland's hold dear about our city.

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Golf course should be paying for the opportunity cost of that land. They are worth billions and yet only a few people benefit from there. They are incredibly inefficient uses of space. A well designed park half the size would provide much greater benefit

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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 cuts to public transport .

Do not proceed with cuts to arts and culture .

Those proposed cuts are counterproductive as they will drastically reduce the vitality of Auckland : increase road traffic and decrease numbers of people coming to Auckland .

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I do not agree with a charge for changing to a smaller bin. This is unfair and discouraging to those who are cutting down on their waste. Positive incentives are needed.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Freemans Bay Residents Association

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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't agree with reducing the above proposals. Auckland Council needs to reduce their own internal costs.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Do not sell the shares. They give a return above the cost (approx 2%) of lending to fund shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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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

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

Leys Institute restoration. This must remain a priority for the Council.

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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 would not proceed with reducing public transport services as there is an ever increasing push to get people out of vehicles when travelling into the CBD, and yet people are unable to do this if the bus/train/ferry services are not available. Current services do not meet demand, with many buses being full and not stopping on several routes and trains are continually breaking down and unreliable. If you expect people to commute into town without using their vehicles and/or trying to get kids to school on time consistently then you have to provide these alternative methods of transport.

The second reduction I wouldnt proceed with is stopping the ECE services. Daycare costs in NZ are one of the highest in the OECD. Parents are struggling as it is to a) find quality childcare and b) find childcare that is affordable. Daycare services shouldnt become something that is only affordable for the elite.

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

Tell us why: No comment, think its a good idea

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: Current cost of living crisis, many families wont be able to afford the increases in rates which will add other societal pressures with people losing their homes, and potentially having to relocate out of Auckland, stunting any growth in the supercity.

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: I think the NZ government should have a bigger part to play in funding rebuilding of areas affected by storms/natural disasters as opposed to penalising individual councils.

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, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants

Tell us why these are most important to you: I think continuing services for the community particularly supporting youth and at risk groups needs to continue as there is very limited alternative services for these groups to access.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Climate action initiatives need to be dropped. Recent weather events are just that, and not attributed to climate change based on actual scientific evidence but rather a government narrative.

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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Tell us why: Short term gains should not be prioritised over long term investments.

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 do you think of these proposals?

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

I'm a musician who calls Auckland home - I have lived overseas and could easily do so again but I love this city and want to stay. Arts and culture have struggled in this city post-covid but these budget cuts would worsen the situation tenfold. I want to

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This is a result of the last few years of Covid / recent storms, it would be short-sighted to make cuts to programmes that are established and will have longer-term benefits.

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Tell us why: As above - this is an asset for the long-term financial health of Auckland

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Tell us why: Rates should increase to maintain existing services.

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Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why: These are good to prioritise - but the cuts proposed are significant / and will be a detriment to the city.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, 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: Planning for the future / environmental health is important. But all listed above are important.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Increase rates and borrow more money. Cutting funding to local budgets is short-sighted.

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Noho ora mai,



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AUCKLAND COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET 2023/24

Introduction

Parnell, particularly businesses along The Strand and St Georges Bay Rd, suffered enormous damage in the floods of 27th January, and that is foremost in our mind when responding to this budget.

The damage has resulted in insurance claims for hundreds of millions of dollars, some businesses have had to close for six months or relocate for a time. Many of these businesses are high-end home décor and home furnishing, a category of which we are very proud of in Parnell, as a destination driver and distinctive feature of our tenant mix. Many of our landowners are anxious about the future value of their properties and certain tenants are considering relocating – pending feedback from their insurers. Indications we have had from some members thus far are increased premiums, increased excesses and flood exclusions. All of this contributes to a huge cost for business.

Sadly, one of the most consistent comments received from the businesses was that their drains had not been cleaned, and several businesses noted alerting council and other agencies during the course of 2022, when several were flooded before. The Strand has a peculiar set of challenges, being owned by Waka Kotahi, with certain services being provided by Auckland Transport. Intersecting roads such as St Georges Bay Rd fall under the responsibility of Council/Auckland Transport, but some feeder roads (165-132 The Strand, plus Tennis Lane), have the unenviable status of being in a kind of no-mans land. All of this made it extremely frustrating trying to get the drains serviced and cleaned before the second rains and then Cyclone Gabrielle.

Very little assistance was received from council following the 27th Jan.

At the top of lower St Georges Bay Rd, the landowners of no 69 and 79, spent a full night cleaning a blocked drain in Alberon Reserve, on the night of Cyclone Gabrielle, in order to avoid a repeat of substantial flooding in their tenancies that occurred on the 27th January. The steel grate on the drain remains damaged from the force of the debris that hit it.

Following the 27th January, several businesses along The Strand called in their own contractors – who validated the concern about the drains, and others even resorted to removing debris and filters from catch-pits themselves, in order to avoid further potential damage from the cyclone. (Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport did action some remedial work on The Strand prior to the cyclone).

When we finally managed to gather the parties in one room (Waka Kohati, Auckland Transport and Auckland Council/Healthy Waters), what emerged was not only the ridiculous silos within which every organisation operates, but that fact that Auckland Council only clean the drains once annually. Apparently the schedule was reduced to annually in July 2020. This is hopelessly inadequate, especially for an area that sits in a flood plain and is subject to significant leaf fall from mature trees in the immediate catchment, combined with ageing earthenware pipes.

Yes the rain on the 27th January was unprecedented, but the question on everyone's mind is how much this could have been mitigated if maintenance was more frequent. What we now understand is the extent of flooding and subsequent damage could have been reduced if maintenance was more frequent.

Introduce a \$20 million storm response fund.

We support increasing Council's operating budgets to improve Council's capability and capacity to prepare for and respond to future storms. We agree that changes to Council's investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed, with some new investments being delayed so urgent repairs and replacements can be undertaken. We understand that work on the Central Interceptor will not be affected, and the pipe to the Ports of Auckland Stormwater outlet project needs completion ASAP, in order to assist with mitigating the effects of a future storm in Parnell.

Our question is whether \$20million is sufficient to respond both proactively and reactively to the goals set out below?

- funding recovery works, for example clean up and repair costs, waste removal, building inspections, processing relief claims
- increasing the frequency of our stormwater network clearing programme.
- increased budget provision for Emergency Management activities
- supporting Aucklanders by setting up capacity to rapidly set up evacuation centres and provide support to affected communities when needed.

At a bare minimum the maintenance schedule needs to be doubled, but likely tripled in flood prone catchment areas. We therefore accept that in order to ensure a more financially credible and sustainable solution, general rates would need to be up to 1 per cent higher than currently planned.

However, we believe that funds should be 'ring fenced' for these purposes.

We also recommend that both Waka Kotahi and Auckland Council amend the classification of roads as they relate to stormwater in order to prioritise areas that are in flood plains. They also need to provide clear lines of responsibilities so they can be responded to appropriately.

Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) – sale of shares

We support the sale of some shares, not to pay down debt, but to invest in critical core infrastructure such as stormwater, water and sewage. Much of this infrastructure needs to be brought up to standard and we would suggest the proposed sales of shares be kept at a minimum to afford this capital injection.

Tataki Auckland Unlimited - reduction in operating funding for regional facilities and economic development activities

In addition to the existing operating savings of \$17 million, the council proposes to reduce council operating expenditure funding provided to Tataki Auckland Unlimited (TAU) by a further \$27.5 million. The proposal is in addition to the \$15.1 million funding reduction for TAU's visitor attraction and major events activities as the currently planned. We do not support this.

We are very concerned that there will be the loss of capability and capacity to market and manage Auckland as a tourism destination (loss of campaigns, industry coordination, product). TAU will no longer be able to attract and deliver major events, an annual programme of anchor events, and business events. By your own admission there will be a consequential negative impact on regional GDP, businesses and jobs.

In a competitive global tourism landscape, fuelled by a constant fight for attention in the minds of potential visitors, the absence of highlighting and profiling the attributes of our city, could make us instantly forgettable, the impetus of which cannot be caught up simply by turning on the tap again.

However, for the balance of activities, we understand that there will be implications for service delivery on certain facilities, and the level of support TAU may continue to provide concerning economic development activity.

Open Space Maintenance

We are concerned about the proposal to reduce open space maintenance by reducing 30 per cent of litter bins across the region. In our view, keeping our region, but especially our town centres tidy and free from litter, is core business and must be maintained.

We are also concerned about the reductions in garden maintenance for 80 per cent of gardens. Again, we don't want to see this result in the reduction of amenity of gardens in our town centres.

The presentation of our city to visitors is paramount.

Pausing the long-term differential strategy, the NETR and WQTR

We do not support pausing the long-term differential strategy for another year. Under the current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are appropriately 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. However, every time there is a budget challenge, Auckland Council decides to pause the long-term differential strategy. We are of the view that Council should not be pausing the long-term differential strategy for another year.

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Auckland Transport - Reduced funding for public transport service provision

The council is proposing to reduce the funding provided to Auckland Transport by holding public transport (PT) services around current levels by not reinstating all trips removed in November 2022 as a result of the bus driver shortage.

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The Link Busses are key for Parnell, in transporting both visitors and commuters to our precinct. It is critical that they are maintained, as that is the only frequent PT service to Parnell. Improvements to access to The Parnell Station have been stalled for several years and the single bus along The Strand is inadequate to serve that area of employment.

Rates Increase

We support a nett increase in general rates in line with inflation, plus the additional percentage required for the storm response.

Other Items

We absolutely support Auckland Council holding “tough” talks with the Government to push it to pay more for the City Rail Link. This is a fundamental piece of national infrastructure and should always have been fully funded by Government.

In terms of the need for efficiencies and savings, we ask that the detailed review of services across the Auckland Council group be progressed more quickly. We believe there should be a sharp focus on finding savings from the management of contractors and consultants by the Auckland Council group, as we still see evidence of wastage.

Local Board Priorities – Waitematā Local Board

You have stated that the council has proposed to mitigate the budget pressures for 2023/2024 by reducing the funding for local boards by \$16 million, which would require the Waitematā Local Board to reduce their funding by \$840,000. You have asked us to highlight which three services are most important to us.

Activity	Detail / Service level and community implications
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Identify additional areas within parks and reserves for no-mow/low-mow Potential reduction is dependent on availability and suitability of spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce or stop mowing specific areas in local parks: ‘no mow’ in areas that are well suited for native plants to regenerate and ‘low mow’ creating meadow-like open spaces (not including sports fields and streetscapes). We do not believe that either Fraser Park or Heard Park are options for ‘no mow’ and hope they would be considered under streetscapes. Fraser Park is often seen as the gateway to Parnell and Heard Park is in the heart of our town centre. If either were not mowed regularly, it would affect the overall presentation of our retail on Parnell Rd.
Events Potential reductions up to \$213,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop or reduce funding local board signature events e.g. <u>Parnell Festival of Roses</u> and Good Citizens Awards The Parnell Festival of Roses has never enriched or encouraged patronage of our businesses (except the very few located near the event), so the majority of businesses in Parnell would be unaffected by this change.

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Conclusion

Our role in the Auckland economy is to improve the business environment of our areas, promote innovation, prosperity and employment as well as attract new businesses, customers and visitors.

We share this common goal with the Auckland Council group of promoting Auckland's economic prosperity.

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Tell us why: It's fiscally irresponsible to sell shares when they're undervalued.

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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 looking at an increase of ~\$3 per week for ratepayers, what is a few dollars more?

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Cutting community funding will lead to increased rates of antisocial behaviour as well as help destroy vibrancy in the city.

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

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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: We need this investment - the recent weather disasters and floods have devastated many of my family and friends - many of who are already struggling to make ends meet in the aftermath of the pandemic.

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What do you think of these proposals? I strongly support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways. We need better public transport to fight the climate crisis and help Auckland grow into a modern city. The fact AT is proposing cutting bus services boggles the mind and makes no sense to

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

'This is a time to keep the lights on and the life in our city.

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Public transport is vital

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

Tell us why:

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What 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 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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Tell us why: There has been historic underinvestment in infrastructure over the past few decades in Auckland and the flooding we saw in January is a clear demonstration of this. We need to ensure our infrastructure is appropriate for the current climatic circumstance

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

Tell us why: If the dividend payout doesn't cover the earnings per year from servicing debt by selling them, then the shares should be sold.

I'm in favour of just a partial sale, however, as the city should not sacrifice it's holdings in such a significant asset as th

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your local board: Waitematā

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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: Aviation increases carbon emissions. So it is important that Auckland Council retains control to enable transport hubs and a reduction in emissions.

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council has a good credit rating, So we need to borrow and increase rates to fund essential services.

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

Tell us why: There needs to be council managed planned retreat from flood prone and cliff face areas so that people are not endangered again.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: All activities are important and must continue. Funding through increase parking charges.

If funding for local board 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 areas are important. Increase parking charges

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? Stop private motor vehicles 4pm- 6pm using Queen St and Broadway, Newmarket. It is traffic gridlock. Allow buses priority. Improve bus services to 10 minute service and encourage people to leave their cars at home.

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On behalf of the NDF board,

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Executive Director NDF



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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tēnā koe,

Thursday, 23 March 2023

TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU SCREEN SECTOR RESPONSE TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24

Screen Production is good business for Auckland.

Screen Auckland's 2022 Data Overview shows that:

- Screen (including production, post-production, and visual effects) is worth \$1.523 billion to the Auckland economy.
- The sector directly employs 8405 people in Auckland, up from 7500 in 2021.
- There are 2322 screen business units located here, 48% of the national screen sector.

Of the \$800+ million spend on production in the Auckland region 60% of that, almost half a billion dollars, was spent with Auckland businesses – hotels and restaurants, vehicle and equipment hire businesses, all of which did it tough during the Covid-19 restrictions.

In a recent economic impact report of screen production activity in New Zealand¹ less than 40% of spend on a film or TV show is screen-industry. Attracting and servicing screen production in Auckland makes very good financial sense, for those who work on productions, but even more so for the city as a whole.

We support the Auckland Plan 2050's aim that 'Auckland is prosperous with many opportunities and delivers a better standard of living for everyone'. Auckland Council has an economic development plan for the region – the most recent of these for 2021-2024 has the objectives of:

- Attracting people and investment
- Enabling thriving local economies
- Supporting quality jobs and skill development
- Preparing businesses for Auckland's future
- Infrastructure that enables economic development
- Regulations that enable economic development

Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. Continuing to support screen directly through Tātakei Auckland Unlimited in turn supports the local economy, the hospitality sector, tourism, and retail to generate much needed revenue. A thriving city improves social cohesion, wellbeing, and our quality of life. It makes a city more inclusive and welcoming. Helps to attract and retain new residents and industry. A thriving city also boosts the local economy, creates jobs, and makes for a more prosperous city.

QUESTIONS

1. What economic analysis has been done by Council on the impacts these cuts will have on Auckland's economy and employment, over the short, medium, and long term?
2. How many Aucklanders' jobs (outside those at Council and within CCOs) will be at risk, both via direct and indirect employment?
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Screen production is a dynamic and complex ecosystem, and a change of this magnitude will have long term impacts. We are very concerned that the Budget proposals have been prepared without due diligence, and the potential negative impact on the future of the screen sector in Auckland has not been properly considered and understood.

¹ Olsberg Report: <https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/resources/olsberg-spi-report-economic-impact-new-zealand-screen-production-sector>

ALTERNATIVE

We recommend the Auckland City Council continue to invest in its economic development programmes, and to increase borrowing and/or raise rates for residential and business ratepayers to cover that cost.

Other Councils, such as in Wellington, have decided to confront reality with a proposed 13% rates rise to fill the shortfall and make the necessary investment in a thriving and resilient city.

CONCLUSION

The interconnectedness of the screen sector ecosystem is equivalent to the Auckland City Council's ecosystem. What may look like a small change in one area can have unexpected consequences or impact. The screen sector also knows how hard it is to make budgets go the distance. Budgets are always tight and are getting tighter by the day. We believe that continuing to invest in story, in people, in culture, in what connects with people's hearts and minds, is the key to success both now and in the future. We believe it will also be the key to the Auckland City Council's continued success – invest, grow, and prosper.

The signatories of this letter, the representative bodies of the individual screen practitioners and businesses, call on you to consider the economic, social and wellbeing impacts of these budget cuts, specifically to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Yours Sincerely,

Co-Authors

[Film Auckland Inc](#) and [SPADA](#)

Signatories

Directors and Editors Guild of Aotearoa New Zealand

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New Zealand Cinematographers Society

New Zealand Writers Guild | Puni Taatuhi o Aotearoa

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Script to Screen

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I believe the services, funding and events outlined above are essential, and need to stay accessible. Making cuts in these areas would be harmful for the art industries and communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

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

Tell us why: Auckland Council can increase rates AND take on more debt, allowing much needed investment and preventing cuts to social services.

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

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? Food waste collection should be available in all areas.

We need more 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?

Please do not cut funding to our communities, these are some of the most important services to our community. Don't throw away our communities, don't make any of these proposed cuts. The funding is all going where it NEEDS to be.

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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 our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: As a property owner I would be happy to absorb this minimal rates increase to ensure the survival of the arts, culture and community organisations (and their activity) that make this city an exciting and dynamic place to live. There is ample opportunity f

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Climate Change is real and the effects are only going to get worse. Auckland must be prepared.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and artistic activities are the lifeblood of our communities.

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

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

What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with any proposed reduction. Increase rates in line with inflation. Those who will be affected by the proposed reductions are some of the most vulnerable in our community who should not (and can't) have to find alternative solutions.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why: Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) is not appropriate given the importance of our natural environment and the threats posed by climate change. Council needs to invest in restoring natural habitats

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

Tell us why: As per my previous comment, more investment is required to mitigate the effects of future storm events. This needs to be a combination of investing in restoring natural habitats and improving infrastructure. It is important that infrastructure spending is

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I believe that environmental initiatives should take priority given we are in a climate crisis.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to increase and enhance indigenous biodiversity in our urban centres, which includes the restoration and protection of terrestrial and aquatic habitats. These areas provide locally important habitat for indigenous fauna and flora, and they need co

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Salaries could be reduced for senior managers in organisation such as Auckland Transport.

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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 reductions listed are largely to activities that support economic activity and growth in Auckland or support quality of life which in turn retains population (and ratepayers). For example, reductions in services for people on lower incomes (like public transport or support for homelessness) contribute to long-term poor outcomes for health and increased crime stats resulting in higher social spending and making Auckland a more difficult place to live for everyone. Reducing events funding and marketing reduces tourism and tourist spending in the city as well as making it a less attractive place to live and pay rates (when high interest rates are already doing that).

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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: Income from shareholder dividends is likely to increase now that we’re through COVID.

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 higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Rates increases are not popular but they’re the best solution.

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: This is really important for a sustainable future in the 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 most priorities

Tell us why: Unsure if the Leys library should be a priority for now but I also trust the board to know what’s of most use to 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?) 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: In my estimation the community programmes and local grants will be most missed by the people who rely on them and we desperately need to invest in restoration of local waterways after the floods. However, the library, Toi Tu, pest control and low mo areas

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I'm not in a position to comment on this

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?

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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 am not aware of any service that should be reduced. In my view all current services ought to be maintained and in some categories increased. It is not a matter of "spending within budget", if that budget is unrealistic. We need to decide what services are required, what it will cost to fund them, and then act accordingly.

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

Tell us why: The shares are income producing. They should be retained. In the fullness of time they will generate a return greater than the cost of borrowing.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: I would have thought \$20 million would be the least of it.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I am not aware of any service that is suitable for cutting. Indeed I would increase some of them

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

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

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

Yes. I have said above that I would increase some services. These are principally in terms of maintaining the amenity of streets and parks, by clearing rubbish, and keeping grass verges neat; and increasing the number of trained noise control officers.

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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:

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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.

So many of these services contribute to the social and mental wellbeing of the citizens of Auckland. By cutting these services, you're making education, health and a connection to diverse cultures much harder to acquire for our communities. Arts and culture events also drive a lot of traffic to areas, especially evident in the CBD where marketplaces and free performances bring large crowds, who then put money into the local businesses that surround the event. Without these happening, there's no recreational reason to travel here and all of the newly developed community spaces will only go to waste.

The net effect of such a large change in funding will only serve to devastate local economies and hurt the communities that benefit them. If you truly cared about making our cities more prosperous, creating jobs and the wellbeing of the

people in need of them, you wouldn't be targeting these funding pools. While it might make your debts look nicer for the time being, cutting all of this funding will only result in lost jobs, organisations going under, a cultural backstep for our cities and will no doubt cost us more in the long run.

Our cultures are not nice-to-haves. They shouldn't be the sacrificial lamb for the council's poor decision-making.

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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? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: While I agree with some aspects of the rate increase also, I don't believe now is the time to be taking money away from infrastructure and stormwater management. We've seen how outdated much of our water management is in Auckland, and we've seen the wides

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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 negative effects

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I've seen the positive effects these events and programmes can have. I've had my work-life vastly improve due to some, such as the Wayfind Initiative. These programmes have been the only way I've gotten to reach out to my community and feel supported/offe

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Look at luxury spending that doesn't give back to the community that truly needs it. For example, there's a council-run \$2.9 billion golf course in Remuera that certainly doesn't change lives. Merely offers a hobby to those who are already well-resourced

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What do you think of these proposals? A one-off fee for wanting to change bin size, especially if someone is downsizing, seems silly. I can understand a potential charge for an upsized bin, but quite strange to make someone pay to downsize.

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:

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

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

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

Tell us why:

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Citizens advice bureau and public transport reductions - unfairly targets lower income individuals. Possibly make public transport fares higher and citizen advice bureau co-pay with payment 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: Why are all your questions loaded with "and increase debt" is this not influencing votes?

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Tell us why:

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Wynyard Quarter Transport Management Association

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Submission in respect of: **AC ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-2024**

Date: March 2023

Name of submitter: Wynyard Quarter Transport Management Association ('WQ TMA')

1. Wynyard Quarter Transport Management Association - background

1.1 Wynyard Quarter Transport Management Association (WQ TMA) is an independent group representing developers, landowners, employers, the marine and fishing industries, and the arts and hospitality sector which collectively have, and continue to develop an environment to work, live and play. The former industrial area is now booming with offices, housing, and a vibrant entertainment sector. The area is home to some major employers including Air New Zealand, ASB, Datacom, Fonterra, Kiwibank, Sanford, Southern Cross and has a reputation as the innovation hub for Auckland. The area currently is home to approx. 15,000 employees, and this number is set to rise. More recently Wynyard Quarter has become home to a growing number of residents. The map below shows the TMA area boundary:



1.2 The TMA was established under Part 14.9.3.10 (Wynyard Quarter) of the Auckland District Plan 2004. It was made a condition of the Planning Consent and Environment Court Order 2012. Trip generation ceiling targets were specified in the District Plan (DP) and are linked to the extent and timing of development permitted in Wynyard Quarter. The Resource Consent for Wynyard Quarter set a target of a 30:70 mode split by 2020. With 70% of all journeys being by sustainable modes. However, this figure has been anecdotally revised to a 20:80 or even 10:90, in order just to keep the area moving.

1.3 The objectives of the TMA as outlined in the Rules are as follows:

- a to advocate to the Government, local authorities and/or persons, corporations or associations for the improvement of transport services and transport infrastructure to benefit the Wynyard Quarter community;
- b to promote and share information with regard to access and transportation in and around Wynyard Quarter; and

- c to do all things as are, or may be incidental to, or conducive to, the attainment of these objectives.

- 1.4 There are constraints on access to Wynyard Quarter. This has resulted in a heavy reliance on trip generation management, and restrictions have been placed on office activity under the Auckland Unitary Plan¹ to ensure that vehicle traffic volumes entering and exiting the Wynyard Quarter are not increased. The mission of WQ TMA is to be the voice of the Wynyard Quarter: creating a thriving safe environment for business and community and fostering economic vitality by building partnerships, and delivering targeted transport initiatives.
- 1.5 WQ TMA recognise that the Wynyard Quarter area is being developed to become a unique waterfront location embracing a thriving economic hub, as well as playing host to major events (for example the America's Cup). WQ TMA understands that the regeneration and development of the area is ongoing. WQ TMA are keen to ensure that the area gets the very best transport infrastructure to support the ongoing economic growth of the area. This means well connected, reliable, and frequent sustainable transport options of high quality that ensures the safety and well-being of all users of the area.

2. Comments and observations

- 2.1 We understand that the forecast budget shortfall of \$295 million needs to be addressed.
- 2.2 WQ TMA have no comment to make on the sale of Auckland airport shares.
- 2.3 To date, Eke Panuku have done an amazing job of rejuvenating Wynyard Quarter.
- 2.4 The TMA are only commenting on transport related issues and the continuing rejuvenation of Wynyard Quarter.

3. Considerations

- 3.1 As the impacts of climate change are felt it is important that Auckland Council stay on course to reduce emissions as well as encouraging and supporting sustainable travel options.
- 3.2 Events and activations are an integral part of Auckland City and give people a reason to visit the CBD and waterfront. Decreasing event funding will have a negative impact on businesses in these areas who are still struggling to recover post Covid 19.
- 3.3 It would be helpful to have a detailed plan of how the Climate Action Targeted Rate (CATR) will be spent and assurances that it will be spent for purposes for which it was raised.
- 3.4 Public transport use is critical to reducing our emissions as well as giving Aucklanders' transport choices. Any increase in fares would have a negative impact on many, at a time when the cost of living is rising.

¹ Auckland Unitary Plan, 1214.8.2(2)(a)(ii) requires that restricted discretionary office activities in the Wynyard Quarter have to demonstrate that the activity, along with any other existing, permitted or consented activities do not exceed the following trip generation targets: 3650 vehicles per hour two way; 2500 vehicles per hour one way inbound or outbound during the weekday morning peak (7am to 9am); and 2500 vehicles per hour one way outbound or inbound during the weekday afternoon peak (4pm to 6pm).

- 3.5 Public transport users want reliability. It is suggested that a review all of all services takes place and those routes which are not utilised are disestablished. These can then be permanently removed from the timetable.
- 3.6 WQ TMA welcomes the improved connectivity that will be brought by the City Rail Link. WQ TMA would like to see improved connections from Britomart through the waterfront to Wynyard Quarter.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Auckland Council should stay committed to implement Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan, and lead by example, to reduce emissions and hit the targets that have been set.
- 4.2 Funding of targeted events should be supported, as these activations can have a positive economic boost to a wide range of businesses, and draw communities together.
- 4.3 The planning of the next stage of Wynyard Quarter's transformation, should be progressed. The Te Ara Tukutuku plan, needs to be funded and supported so that the redevelopment of Wynyard Quarter, can be completed.

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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.

I am someone who grew up with a dream to flourish in the creative arts. I have moved away from my family to be able to do that and these budget cuts are a cut to my aspirations alongside generations growing up.

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to look after the environment for generations to come. Arts and community centre programmes are safe spaces for people and offer the ability to connect and grow with others.

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Do not reduce this spending or raise rates. Rather: 1. raise Auckland Transport revenue by imposing parking fees on all on-street car parking which is currently free. If people want to own a car (not take public transport) and park it on public streets, then it is the Council's duty to get value for that. Otherwise, the Council must acknowledge that it is providing a subsidy to each car owner who parks it for free. Car owners who use their own garage or driveway to park their private vehicles need not be charged. 2. increase parking fees in Auckland Council car parks immediately, especially in downtown Auckland. The current prices are too low. The council is working on out-moded concepts of a 'driving culture'. Aucklanders do not 'love their cars' - they just hate having to wait so long for a bus or train to arrive. It is the underinvestment into high quality public transport that is failing residents. 3. Introduce a targeted rate on private car parks - many of these are land banks. 4. Introduce a land tax on vacant, undeveloped blocks of land in the city. The tax starts at 2% of land value (unlevered).

Watch how quickly those blocks are sold and re-developed. 5. Raise traffic violation penalties for red-light runners, speeding, mobile phone use offences. The increased Waka Kotahi revenue can be contributed back to the Auckland Ward where the offence took place, to be invested in local Council infrastructure.

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

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

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

Tell us why: Keep the Airport Shares and raise revenue in other ways. The analysis is misleading. The last 3 years OF COVID AFFECTED TRAVEL is a misleading period to examine airport income. As a business, the Airport is clearly one of the most profitable investment

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? Other

Tell us why: Do not pause the business/residential re-balance. It is a good policy and must continue. Do keep the targeted rates to help the environment. Raise rates by 5% across the board.

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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: Do not socialise private losses - if you bought on a flood plain, that is the risk you took.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: I want to see more on cycling and active transport. Cycle infrastructure is the cheapest to build with the biggest benefit/cost ratio BY FAR. More of that please.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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?

Your cycling budget is less than 3% of Auckland Transport overall budget - absolutely pathetic. United Nations guidance is for 20% of transport budgets to be directed to active travel and public transport. Show some courage and address this issue. At t

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

Reducing regional services,

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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: Not a good time to sell assets.

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

Tell us why: The highest rate increase of 13% is far more manageable than the proposed cuts. If assets are sold they will be near impossible to get back.

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

Tell us why: The recent weather events show that we need to invest in infrastructure, storm water and emergency responses.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

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Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector.

The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Cou

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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 dont think its a good idea to cut any of these services. Based on reports by Standard and Poor and our debt rating, Auckland is in a fine position to be able to leverage our unused debt to be able to fund these. Additionally the rates increase is not even in line with inflation, so if the rates increase was appropriate and in fact even more due to many years of low rates increasing these can all be funded appropriately and not be cut.

In terms of specific proposed reductions. The proposal to keep reduced public transport services when the current level is shameful is absurd. With climate change occurring at a terrifying rate, and Aucklands major source of emissions being transport. It is absurd to propose to cut these services, when they are one of the more effective ways at cutting these emissions. Additionally people are not taking up public transport as much as they should NOT because of the cost, but because of the unreliability of the services. This unreliability IN PART is due to the reduced services. Public transport needs SIGNIFICANTLY more resources in order to reduce emissions and comply with climate goals set out by actually having a proper public transport NETWORK and not this underfunded joke, that is extremally frustrating and unreliable, and is honestly shameful.

Secondly, the idea that we should gut our economic and tourism support because of self inflicted budget shortfalls is not a good idea. There needs to be support in this regard to support the sector during the crisis that has occurred. Bad times

are not the time for governments to reduce support on aspects of society that need help, and are instead when we need to support. Especially given how much more leeway that there is regarding debt leverage and the ability for rates increases. Our tourism sector has been battered by covid, and does not need to have more support withdrawn as well. As this would reduce the quality of Auckland as a city.

Third proposition, there's two parts to this that are flawed. Firstly the idea of cutting back arts and culture funding is a poor idea. These have always been parts of society that are poorly effected by the private sector and market, and so to maintain and enhance the city public funding is needed. Without these we create a drab and lifeless city. This is not a place people want to live and instead they will move elsewhere, to cities which actually have a life to them. Secondly a lot of these community and youth centers and social services have an important effect on social cohesion. Reducing their capabilities through funding reductions WILL have a knock on effect, and may result in increases to antisocial behaviour and make the city worse. These are far more cost effective and have far more of a positive effect on the people they address, than the cost of the negative result of having underfunded and bad services. In fact these should be support more than they currently are.

Local boards have an important purpose in representing local people. Broad cuts to their funding is a poor idea, when they are most aptly represented by local democracy. If the conduct and attitude of boards is poor, people in local communities will vote them out, and therefore cuts across the board are a bad idea.

Contestable regional grants are also integral to making the city 'livable' as I have mentioned regarding arts and cultural funding. These are important in giving Auckland a feeling of life, rather than just being a drab awful city. Additionally this would only save \$3Million, which is a small drop for the over PERCEIVED shortfall. Which could easily be solved (along with said perceived shortfall) with debt and rates increase.

Early childhood services are already significantly expensive for parents. To reduce the capabilities of this would mean some parents would be unable to work reducing the economic capacity of the city. For one this is a small portion of cuts proposed. As well as having a important role.

Any other reductions that are otherwise not mentioned would also be proposed. The over removal of government from being involved in the management and activities of cities has been a extremely negative trend, and needs to be reversed. We have ample debt leverage opportunities and ample room for rates to be raised to address and budget concerns. These need to be used to their maximum before cutting essential services.

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Tell us why: Its absurd to sell assets in order to maintain running costs, whereas this directly effects future proofing Auckland budgets. If it is claimed that not wanting to maximize the possible debt in order to 'future proof' against financial shocks, then why is

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

Tell us why: If there is a such a shortfall, it makes more sense to raise rates by AT LEAST as much as inflation. As a ratepayer I would be happy to support this. Additionally it appears our debt situation is in a completely fine position, and in fact there is far mor

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 the increase in extreme weather events due to climate change, it is integral that climate resilience is build into our city. If this could even be increased that might even be more ideal to maximise what can be produced after the destruction that has

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: On its face value it seems to be a good set of priorities, obviously a funding cut it not preferred however.

If funding for local board 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: Since only 3 can be chosen, its best to implement those that maintain or enhance social, as well as the environmental.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Move as much consulting/contracting that occurs in house as possible, with result in lower overall costs over the long term.

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If we need to reduce the costs of Auckland Council, it would be far more useful to rebuild the capacity within government of areas that are currently addressed by consultants. While not everything can be dropped, the outsourcing of jobs that could be done

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with the changes to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. Auckland and international businesses have heavily invested in the infrastructure and landscape of Auckland city to be the NZ/Asia Pacific for Conferences and Events destination of choice. Each conference delegate contributes 3 times more \$\$ than the international or domestic tourist.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I am very opposed to reducing budget allocations to the social services and recreational activities. These are the things that bind our community together. They help us understand one another's world view. Also the recreational services such as the Zoo and Museums swimming pools are essential for the health of our low income families allowing them recreation that they can afford.

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Tell us why: I believe that we must hold some commercial interest in the airport.

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

Tell us why: Introduce a graduated rates scale as above. If not increase the rates by 5%

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

Tell us why: This is our future we must be prepared

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I am opposed reduction in the services that the Local Boards offer. We cannot sacrifice these activities

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

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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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: As a household and mortgage holders this would be preferable to us than funding cuts. The amount of the increase would be manageable.

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

Tell us why: Yes please ! More storm prep to protect people and their homes and livelihoods.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't support cutting back the budget to reduce continued improvements and growth to the area. I do very much support the ongoing improvements and fixes to water quality, storm water drains, streams, and the protection and clean up of the Hauraki Gulf a

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: Water, the natural environment....in my area these things are in urgent need of restoration and protection. We can't let the continued pollution continue. Arts and community centre programmes are essential for community well-being, our youth and a chance

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I don't know. Less time arguing about the benefits of environmental protection, clean water, etc. I think it's important and urgent just to get on with things, spend more money cleaning up the area, enhancing recycling efforts, waste reduction, and genera

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Now is not the time to reduce spending. We need to continue to build and rebuild this city's services, transport services, arts, culture and environmental protection against climate change and pollution.

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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 some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to Citizens Advice Bureau

Do get rid of 60% middle management

Do get rid of most over paid contractors, eg the useless people that have run Auckland Waterfront

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: Don't sell at the bottom, sell in 2 years.

Or sell with an embarrassment clause so that if sold within the next 5 years at a large premium to the buyers purchase price from the council, the council gets more.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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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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.	Other
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? Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate.

Do spot checks only, charge massive fines if in breach

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?

Get rid of middle management

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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 them. Auckland already have low rates and these are vital services to help reduce the wealth gap

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

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), 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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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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 general services relating to community services, arts, and inclusivity are the critical ones a world-class city requires.

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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 would lean towards retaining all AIAL shares, and to raise rates instead.....but also aware many others wouldn't (or aren't in a position to accept the rates increase which would be required to offset).

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Climate change is non-negotiable and AC has an important role to play in addressing it.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: As a heritage Architect, I support the Leys Institute designs first: the other priorities are more general and wide-ranging, and it's from those that I'd expect cuts to come.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Time to resurrect the idea of a Congestion Charge for private vehicles in the central 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: arts, culture, education, public transport, and venues such as the auckland zoo are what make the city pleasant and enjoyable to live in

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

Tell us why: I'm not sure that the city holding shares of it's main airport has any effect on the airport's ability to operate an effective service, which would be my only concern.

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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: an additional \$3 per week would barely make a difference to someone who was living in poverty, let alone the fortunate sorts who control enough wealth to warrant paying rates - especially when compared to the alternative of reduced funding to that which f

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

Tell us why: It's now inescapably clear that climate change is a reality and will affect us with increased severity in the future. Increased protection against storms was a blindingly obvious choice even before our recent disasters.

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Tell us why: seems fine

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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: ideally none of these activities are reduced as they all contribute to the quality of life of living in the city - the three I selected seemed most suited to making life enjoyable rather than simply bearable

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? increased taxation of gambling operations; these things cause severe harm to those educationally disadvantaged members of our community

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

Tell us why: AIAL has not (despite Goff's deception) paid a div. for 3 yrs; the company is heavily indebted; its shares are red-hot right now in price; the airport's massive expansion plan will incur shareholder input for years to come before it might ever return to p

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

Tell us why: The previous mayor left the city and AC in a precarious position which must be remedied.

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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 modest proposal, and offers a future-proofing remedy.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Try to avoid the Darby(Nth Shore) and the Franklin councillors' treachery which continues to hassle attempts to improve AC.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: Central library: overstaffed and a ghost-town" with few clients...Art Gallery worse (and an Arts Lib. which actively discourages public use), and this comment comes from a sec.-school teacher who makes full, regular use of each but sees little cost-benefit

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? CAB's are volunteer-run, and any costs might incur a small charge to users. No major burden to ratepayers who generally do not use the service; mainly non-ratepayers access the CABs for rental, immigration advice which is freely available elsewhere.

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What do you think of these proposals? AT ought to be brought completely under AC control as with other CCOs, and must follow guidelines without making their own damaging decisions.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Older, hard-bitten Councillors must support the Mayor, and not go bleating to K McAnulty, e.g. over the LGNZ withdrawal.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Art Galleries, Museums etc should remain supported plus local organisations such as CAB offices which are mainly manned by volunteers anyway. Also Libraries should remain supported as they are a valuable and well patronised local amenity.

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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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Tell us why: It seems the fairest and most practical option.

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Tell us why: It is important that we plan for future weather events.

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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: Do not support proposed reductions in funding.

Do not support reduction in funding to Auckland Art Gallery, Arts initiatives, Cultural initiatives, Regional Events, Community Development, Regional Grants, Contestable Funding, Local Boards.

Support increased debt and rates.

Support increased parking charges and park and ride fees to cover AT shortfall.

Support increased traffic fines (voluntary tax), which requires Council to negotiate with Ministry of Transport.

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

Tell us why: Support keeping cornerstone shareholding of 12% to enable blocking, and prevent sale of airport to overseas interests.

Support increased debt and increased rates.

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

Tell us why: Support higher debt level and higher rates increase. This will enable Council to avoid reductions and harm to the soft infrastructure of our city.

Debt can be managed so that there is intergenerational equity.

Do not support reductions to NETR - this w

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

Tell us why: This is critical funding to support our efforts at building resilience. This funding would be spent in line with already identified needs.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not support proposed reduction in funding to Local Boards.

Support use of debt/increased rates to invest in Community Development, Local initiatives, Local Environmental initiatives, Community Events, Local Traffic 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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, 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: Support retention of Community Development as this builds and nurtures the community.

Support retention of Environmental restoration and pest control as this helps create amazing environments for residents.

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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? Support retention of CATR which was established 2021 with overwhelming support from ratepayers.

Support more investment in walking, cycling, and public transport.

Support moves to collect food waste from central city residents.

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?

Support Council developing an alternative budget that invests in soft infrastructure such as community development, arts and culture, community events, and support for drama. Now is not the time for austerity.

Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operati

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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 reduce funding for any arts and culture programmes and services such as art galleries, libraries, museums, theatres, musical performances, cultural events, because this will impoverish the lives of Aucklanders and make the city less attractive to visitors. Once these things have been lost, we will never get them back. If people want more public transport services they should be willing to pay higher rates for them. Ditto early childhood education services, In any case, any service which, like early childhood services, can and will be provided for a fee by private enterprise, shouldn't be provided by the council.

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Tell us why: A blocking share is sufficient to keep some form of control and influence. In the last resort, the council shouldn't hold on to assets that can be as well run in the hands of private enterprise.

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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: Do not retain a split between business and residential rates. In my opinion fairness demands that businesses should pay higher rates than residents because they are using the services provided by council in the course of making a profit, whereas residents

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Tell us why: Act now to undertake urgent repairs and replacements, and to take steps to minimize future effects. Otherwise, the long term costs are going to far exceed our ability to pay for them -- we're in enough trouble now.

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Tell us why: I think that the last 6 items listed on pp. 190-91 of the Supporting Information are wasting a large amount of money on propaganda ("education") for projects mostly wanted by climate/ecological/environmental activists. I think they should be responsible

If funding for local board 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: Libraries are still essential to the pursuit of knowledge and essential existential information, and it isn't too much to ask that any city aspiring to be worthy of the name is also open at hours suitable for people who work weekdays 9-5. And disruption t

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? See my comment above on the last 6 items listed on pp. 190-91 of Supporting information.

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

I think the council would get better value for the money it spends on "educating" people about climate/environmental/ecological issues if it used even a fraction of it to facilitate the formation of voluntary groups to work on the various projects that a

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would 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 sizeable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. Our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy and other creative activities bring life to our city, bring Auckland communities together, and attract domestic and international tourists. This also has a positive knock-on effect to our restaurants, hotels, transport and other sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and

welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

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

These are not “nice-to-haves” that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will close. Once there is no opportunity for work and artistic expression, artists and arts practitioners have no reason to remain in Auckland. We will become a cultural wasteland!

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

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Reduction in Cultural Events

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

Job Losses

Many artists, performers, and c

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Auckland CAB's are run in a very cost effective manner with a highly trained volunteer base. The services and face to face/phone and email support offered are highly valued by the community (with the services such as JP services, budgeting clinics, family law clinics etc) particularly appreciated. The CAB volunteers provide a vital and practical connection for people to the information, advice, and support services in the Auckland community they need to deal with the ever increasing and complex challenges they are facing. This support is provided free to all people and there is no limit on the amount of time spent with helping clients with their issues/challenges. CAB's are an essential component in promoting and uplifting community wellbeing and must continue to be funded by the Auckland Council.

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Tell us why: With the world opening up again post COVID it is important for Auckland Council to keep a stake in the very important gateway to the city.

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Tell us why: Assuming the numbers reflect a good balance I think option is best.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 urgent repairs/replacements are made and also essential that innovative and appropriate new investments are made.

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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 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 the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The key issue is productivity - council is an inefficient machine, always has been and a lot of people have taken advantage of this

I agree costs have to be cut BUT not at the detriment of growth of business

There should be more private/local council partnerships WITH meaningful and measurable KPI's AND accountability

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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: Accountability for Targeted Rates must be more Transparent

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Tell us why: With accountability of the key deliverables

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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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?) 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 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: Public Transport and Art are important aspects of how communities are built across Tamaki Makaurau. By keeping (or reinforcing) the budget in those areas, we indirectly reinforce the sense of community for people and decrease crime rates, something that the mayor has promised to reduce.

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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

Tell us why: I would like to see AIAL shares sold and it's not a core business of Council to hold them

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Tell us why: I would like to see a higher rates increase, so that some cultural services around the city could be saved.

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Tell us why: I think the plans to restore the Leys Institute should be put on hold for a while. I support the other priorities, particularly environmental ones

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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 reduce funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited by \$44million, as it will leave the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki with a budget that will not cover salaries and programming, is not adequate to exhibit and conserve works of art that are valued at over \$300 million, and will deter donors. 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 also do not agree to cutting regional services, and the idea of cutting homelessness, youth and CAB funding is particularly repugnant.

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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: I support setting a slightly higher general rate and making greater use of debt. I do not believe there is a funding crisis – Auckland has a high credit rating, and its loan to value ratio is low. The council's purpose is to best administer the city for t

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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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I support retaining funding for all these activities. They are all vital to our communities. Losing these initiatives would weaken our communities – the purpose of the Auckland Council must be to develop and strengthen arts, cultural, community and enviro

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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: Proceed with:

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Yes: 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

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

Yes: Note that a 1 per cent change in general rates is equivalent to around \$20 million of revenue for the council

Plus:

Seek further reduction in professional consultancy fees and services, \$400+ per hour is outrageous and how many times does the council pay those kinds of fees. It's time to put pressure on the professional services industry, banks and consultancy firms.

Do not proceed with:

No to: Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million

No to : Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

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

Tell us why: We need to reduce our debt as much as possible to allow future generations the option to borrow on the things that will be important to their generation and the technology and issues of their time.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? 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: Fantastic to read how aware the Council is regarding the impact of ALL households, not just wealth households who can easily afford any increases.

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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 existing budgets

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Do not reduce the local board funding, find the budget from else where

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce the local board funding, find the budget from else where

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

It was an outrageous amount of money spent on the Grey Lynn Westmere cycleway and it didn't even work then more money had to be spent - very disappointing amount of ratepayers \$\$ spend for so little return

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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 – 27/03/2023

Kia ora koutou

I am a songwriter and 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 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 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.**
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- **Music Fosters community.**
- **Music Improves wellbeing and quality of life.**

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

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. Such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

I am happy to pay higher rates. Auckland is in a strong position to borrow against the future at the moment. We need to invest in GROWTH, and for Aucklanders to grow individually and collectively we need to keep investing in our community and culture infrastructure.

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Tell us why: The council should BOTH set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt.

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Tell us why: We need more density of population around public transport hubs. We need more apartment buildings and fewer single level homes. This will help us to cope with future storm events and house more people.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These are all services that help people to interact with the community and increase community growth.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Now is not the time to be saving. The "rainy day" is HERE. The future is now! INVEST in Auckland.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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For the CBD to thrive again we need to invest in supporting the residential population and investing in the diverse cultures here so that they thrive.

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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.

Our concerns:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi: These proposed cuts will see a huge impact to the well-being of Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau who access these services/ support from these organisations. The increasing population of Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau will be further disadvantaged by these short-sighted proposed cuts.

Women will collectively carry the burden of the Council cuts more than men [OR] the cuts will impact on the daily lives of women in particularly detrimental ways. Caregivers and low-income people will feel the effects of the Council cuts most severely – and the majority of both these (overlapping) groups are women (the gender pay gap in 2022 was 9.2% with Pacific women paid particularly poorly, at 75c on average for every dollar Pākehā men earn). For example, caregivers and their children engage with Council services such as (but not limited to) libraries, parks, community centres, public transport, swimming pools, and low-cost and accessible community activities and support groups.

- **Process and timing:** The speed and transparency of the process for consultation places huge pressure on the community including young people to ensure their voices are heard. Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child gives children and young people the right to express their views freely in matters which affect them. The Mana Taiohi principles and in particular the principle of Whai Wāhitanga outline how effective youth voice and participation can be established.
- **Real cost:** The real cost of the proposed cuts has not been taken account of. In the long term the proposed cuts will cost Council significantly due to the failure to invest in the social fabric that supports women and their family/whānau to thrive.
- It also reduces grant funding and requires local boards to cut funding, which may result in less services being provided in community facilities, shorter opening hours and increased fees to use these facilities.
- Closing Citizens Advice Bureaus will have major impacts on 163,000 people who the Citizens Advice Bureau helped access their legal rights in relation to immigration, MSD, KiwiSaver and other rights, over the last year.

If the proposed changes to the Community Occupancy Guidelines are adopted, our building expenses are likely to increase by \$6,300 a year, or 140%. In a context of rising cost of living and increased competition for funders and donors, this will pose some difficulty in our already tight budget, and means we will have to look at reducing services, classes and/or events. We know other very worthwhile community organisations will also be put in difficult positions because of the proposed expense increase.

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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 ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income from this large shareholding or a stake in what is carried out at the airport lost to the multinational corporations who are likely to buy these

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 \$5

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: With the anticipated rise in the frequency of severe weather events, the effects of ongoing infrastructure underinvestment are enormous.

Severe weather events always impact the most vulnerable in our communities disproportionately. We urge you to priorit

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 matters that you have prioritised are essential for the people and the environment of Waitematā to thrive in the face of the Climate Crisis.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these are important to Auckland Women's Centre. Council needs to increase rates and raise debt instead.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? No. Increase rates and debt instead.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? We are concerned that the Council wants to reprioritise the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established just last year with overwhelming public support. It is alarming that the Council is planning to redirect funding from the Climate Action Targete

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 do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors, with the harm disproportionately impacting women.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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?) 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: 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?

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?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Rates are already too high, if you make them high i, like many others won't be able to afford them.

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

Tell us why: Use the income to reduce rates

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Do not increase rates, where on earth do you think the money for the average family comes from to pay these yearly increases. Reduce rates and stop having catered meetings

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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: Reduce rates they are astronomical as it is

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Rates are increasing, rubbish bins are expensive, water is increasing. Stop fo using on unwanted community events and actually do what a council is supposed to. Make living here affordable

If funding for local board 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 think they should all be decreased. They all seem pointless. Improve our living costs don't increase them with airy fairy community crap

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? De fund all the above activities. Focus on reducing the cost of living

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? The bin suggestion is a joke. I empty mine once a month. Why would I want to pay so much, it's already day light robbery given how high my property rates are. Maybe take some time to look at how England funds their rubbish collection.

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?

Reducing rates, bin cost and water.

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Organisation (if applicable): Auckland Art Gallery Foundation

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: Cutting the operating budget of the Gallery would only yield a very tiny saving for Council but will do significant long-term damage to the creative heart of the city. Rather than reducing any funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited for the Gallery, we at Auckland Art Gallery Foundation are firmly of the view that Council's budgetary shortfall should be met by rate increases, new or extended debt facilities and/or the sale of the shares in Auckland International Airport.

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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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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?

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.	

What do you think of these proposals? Do not impose entry charges or reduced opening hours at Auckland Art Gallery

We understand Auckland Art Gallery has good research data that shows the introduction of entry charges at the Gallery does not result in any significant net benefit for the Gal

7. What else is important to you?

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**Auckland
Art Gallery
foundation**

27 March 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This submission is made on behalf of the board of trustees of Auckland Art Gallery Foundation and approximately 350 donors who give financially to Auckland Art Gallery through the Foundation in support of special projects.

Importance of Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

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The Gallery is also recognised as being of international standing attracting many international visitors to Auckland. It is an extremely important and special place for all Aucklanders to experience the transformative power and value of visual arts, which then fuels a vibrant art culture and economy within the Auckland region.

As a crucial and hugely popular cultural institution for Aucklanders, the Gallery notably has more visitors than MOTAT and the Auckland Museum yet both receive greater Council funding. Providing adequate benchmark funding by Auckland Council is essential for the Gallery to maintain and grow its role as the most important visual arts institution in Auckland.

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Importance of the Foundation

The Foundation is one of the Gallery's key philanthropic supporters, having raised significant funds to assist the Gallery with special projects outside its Council funded operating budget since the Foundation was established 18 years ago. The Foundation's support has included capital projects, exhibition and publications support, acquisitions and artwork gifts like the significant gift from Julian Robertson worth over \$112m. Through the generosity of our more than 350 donors we have been able to contribute more than \$21 million to the Gallery over the past 18 years to supplement the cost of special projects.

In order for the Foundation to continue to attract donors and donations to support ongoing and future special projects, Auckland Council must ensure that adequate operating costs for a gallery of Auckland Art Gallery's standing continue to be met by Council. Donors are not interested in providing any support for the operating costs of Gallery. This must be met by the Gallery's ultimate owner Auckland Council as part of its local government responsibilities to promote the cultural well-being of Auckland communities.

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Do not cut Gallery funding: raise rates, sell assets or increase debt

Cutting the operating budget of the Gallery would only yield a very tiny saving for Council but will do significant long-term damage to the creative heart of the city. Rather than reducing any funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited for the Gallery, the Foundation is firmly of the view that Council's budgetary shortfall should be met by rate increases, new or extended debt facilities and/or the sale of the shares in Auckland International Airport.

Do not impose entry charges or reduced opening hours

We understand the Gallery has good research data that shows the introduction of entry charges at the Gallery does not result in any significant net benefit for the Gallery and in fact reduces income received by the Gallery from a variety of sources including its shop, café and other operations, which we would also expect to be the impact of reduced opening hours.

Sincerely,

Auckland Art Gallery Foundation Trustees

- Glenn Hawkins
- Paul Blackwell
- Jonty Edgar
- Simon Vodanovich
- Susan Gardiner MNZM
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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: it adds no value to hold shares, so converting shares to cash at this time is a prudent decision

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: it is an irresponsible decision to increase rates, which is inflationary during these difficult economic times. If possible, increase more debt financing

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 like investing to avoid future damages

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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: Why not sell golf courses as the airport will be an asset that will be used for years to come

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Tell us why:

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Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are all linked to mental health, wellbeing and the environment.

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Tell us why: • Stop funding community opening events for completed projects

• Stop or reduce funding local board signature events e.g. Parnell Festival of

Roses - things like this bring the community together and make memories for families of AUCKLAND!!!

• Reduce fun

If funding for local board 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: These are what bring us together as a community and what protect our environment..

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Why not charge drivers who drive into the city? Like London does

Toll on the bridge unless on public transport...

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: This really needs to be done as we can expect to use it. Thanks science.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: All these are good and I am against cutting funding to them

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Once these are lost I think it will be hard to get back. All of the list above are important and I do t want funding cut for any of them.

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

Tell us why: The climate crisis is telling us why! We need stormwater infrastructure.

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Tell us why: All these things are so important. We've had a hard few years with covid and floods, we need a deeper sense of community to help us regroup.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Everything on the list is important to me. I don't want my local board to have to cut corners on these vital areas.

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? Food waste collection makes a big difference to landfill - we should definitely be doing this. I want more investment in public transport and non car transport. Better bike lanes for kids.

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Look after our most vulnerable people, and build a better, more community focused city.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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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 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

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Services that have a specific focus for example Diwali, Chinese new year, Pride parade, golf courses should take priority for cuts.

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Tell us why: The "average" rates increase proposed should have an increased fixed amount per property before applying percentage. Using just % over the years is blowing out the burden on perceived property values over other properties. Many small businesses are run fr

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Tell us why: Proceed with the proposal to increase your operating budget to cope with Storm Response

BUT

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Tell us why: I understand the need for economising in the current environment, but I am not convinced that clearing debt should be the first priority. We are recovering from a global pandemic and a natural disaster. Some debt is appropriate under the circumstances. Ma

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I find it hard to choose between Culture, the Environment and Education - and this survey doesn't really provide an alternative. I have no doubt that there are myriad bureaucratic inefficiencies and inflated consultancy fees that it would better to target

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

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/ COMPOSER

27 March 2023

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Cutting funding to Art, Culture and Creativity is easy compared to addressing waste and inefficiency in Council's operations, processes and infrastructure. But eroding Art, Culture and Creativity in our city will come at a great cost to Aucklanders, while improving, streamlining and optimizing Council's service and operations will offer the city and its ratepayers enormous benefits.

Please do not make Art, Culture and Creativity the scapegoat for Council's inefficiencies and overspending.

Please, instead, invest in realizing the true potential of Art, Culture and Creativity as an economic generator for our city - and a source of knowledge, inspiration, perspective, and community for our ratepayers – at a time when the creative economy is growing, and creative skills are increasingly important to success and sustainability in the economy of the future.

[1] [Dear Auckland. Thanks for funding our \\$2.9 Billion Hobby. Regards Golfers](#)

1. THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

The following information is taken directly from a report by Deloitte, commissioned by Netflix and published in 2021. [2]

“The creative economy is large and growing faster than the wider economy, with total creative economy employment up 4 million in 2018, from 2011.

Over the longer term, the creative economy is likely to be a key driver of economic growth as governments around the world look to rebuild their economies in the wake of the downturn associated with Covid-19. It is reasonable to expect that the sector will return to its long-term trend of growing faster than the wider economy

Extrapolating from earlier trends suggests that the creative economy could grow 40% by 2030, adding more than 8 million additional jobs, in the 9 economies studied.

How are the linkages within the creative economy contributing to growth?

- **Creative supply chains** - Strength in software, music or craft (making sets, costumes, etc.) sectors can make a country or region more attractive as a destination for, say, investment in new film and TV, and investment in new films and TV series can provide demand that increases growth in the supplying sectors (including those like music that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic).
- **Shared IP** - Where different parts of the creative economy exploit common designs, stories, characters and worlds. This effect can be seen in popular franchises from Pokémon to Harry Potter with major revenues across multiple creative industries. It can also be seen in less well-known books, songs and other creative works used as IP in movies, television shows, video games and other settings which introduce that content to new audiences.
- **Creative technology** - There is increasing overlap between the digital and creative industries and this is only likely to increase with the growing role of AI, new approaches to VFX (including the use of gaming platforms in making new film and TV) and collaboration tools in production.

All of this will have implications for public policy as the creative economy recovers from Covid-19, in areas including:

- **Regional development** - With creative industry clusters likely to play a more important role in a greater range of regions over time.
- **Skills policy** - With cultivating creativity an increasingly important priority for the education system and the wide range of technical skills needed to support the creative economy in increasing demand.
- **Global competitiveness** - With growth in the size of the global creative economy increasing the rewards for those countries and regions that are competitive in the production of creative goods and services.”

[2] [The Future of the Creative Economy / Deloitte](#) (including a link to the full report)

2. LIVEABILITY

The Global Liveability Index (calculated by the Economist Intelligence Unit) presents an annual, ranked list of the world’s most liveable cities. Its five categories are:

- Stability
- Healthcare
- **Culture and Environment**
- Education
- Infrastructure

The Covid Pandemic had a profound impact on the liveability of cities around the world. That impact was measured by the EIU across a range of economic markers including:

- Restrictions on theatre
- Restrictions on classic and modern music concerts
- Restrictions on restaurants, bars, coffee shops and nightclubs

At the height of the pandemic in 2021, Auckland was ranked as the world's No.1 most liveable city.

*"Auckland rose to the top of the ranking owing to its successful approach in containing the COVID-19 pandemic, which allowed its society to remain open and the city to score strongly on a number of metrics including education, **culture and environment**."* [3]

Last year, however, Auckland dropped back to 34th because it *"no longer had an advantage over well-vaccinated European cities"*. [4]

In 2022, the world's most liveable city was Vienna.

Its advantage?

Culture.

With a population comparable to Auckland's (c. 2 million people), Vienna makes cultural participation **the top policy driver** for the city.

"The city's initiatives integrate universal accessibility to Art and Culture as a key focus of its future development over the next three decades. These long term, multi-step plans indicate the City's continued commitment to enhancing the quality of life and cultural engagement of its multinational population." [5]

Culture is a key driver of liveability in a city

[3] [Auckland Tops the Global Liveability Survey 2021](#)

[4] [EIU Global Liveability Index 2022 Summary](#)

[5] [World Cities Culture Forum](#)

3. REGIONAL AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

In January this year the Australian Government unveiled 'Revive' - a landmark cultural policy which includes almost \$200 million in additional funding for the Arts. [6]

Their investment will significantly increase the global competitiveness of Australian cities compared to New Zealand cities.

- Auckland is facing a skills deficit and a talent shortage, and therefore needs to attract workers and become **more** liveable
- Auckland is facing a brain drain and therefore needing to **retain** the skilled workers we currently have by becoming **more** liveable
- Auckland needs to attract domestic, trans-Tasman, and international tourism - a key driver of which is Art and Culture
- Our nearest neighbour – Australia – is taking proactive, highly competitive steps to increase its liveability and desirability by investing strongly in Art and Culture

A 2017 report commissioned by the Australian Council for the Arts indicated that 43 per cent of that year's 8 million international tourists engaged with the arts while in the country; more than those who visited wineries or casinos or attended sporting events. The international arts-attending tourists tended to stay longer and spend more in total, leading to a spend of \$17 billion in 2017, making up 60 per cent of the \$28.4 billion spent in Australia by all international tourists.

Covid has made a brutal impact on the Australian and New Zealand economies – particularly in the creative sector. However it is worth noting that *“prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the cultural and creative industries were among the fastest growing in the world, representing 30 million jobs worldwide. The creative economy employs more people aged 15 to 29 than any other sector.”* [7]

“The growing value of cultural tourism is acknowledged globally. In a recent survey of Member States of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), 90% of respondents accorded a specific place for cultural tourism in their tourism policy, 69% indicated that cultural tourism is ‘very important to tourism policy’, and 84% indicated cultural tourism had a specific place in their tourism marketing and promotional plans. The report concluded that cultural tourism is set to remain one of the key tourism markets in the future.” [8]

Culture and Creativity are now beginning to recover in the wake of the pandemic and these crucial generators for the future economy need investment and opportunity – not devaluation and erosion – if they are to deliver on their economic potential.

Art and Culture drive tourism and attract higher spending visitors

Eroding Art and Culture will make Auckland less liveable, less desirable and less competitive with Australia (and other countries) at a time when we need to retain residents, attract skilled workers, and regenerate tourism

[6] [Revive – A Place for Every Story A Story for Every Place](#)

[7] [UNESCO Cities and Culture](#)

[8] [Australia Council - Arts and Tourism](#)

4. AUCKLAND’S ‘VIBRANT’ ARTS PRECINCT

This photo was taken at 8.10pm on Friday the 24th of March 2023, during the height of the Auckland Arts Festival



On this night, Auckland Festival had done an exceptional job of filling the city with Arts patrons. The Civic Carpark was completely full, with cars queuing and being turned away. The Sydney Theatre production of Dorian Gray was playing at the

Kiri te Kanawa Theatre. Blanc de Blanc was playing back to back shows in the Spiegeltent to capacity audiences. Rupri Kaur was playing to a sold out Town Hall.

But where are the buzzing crowds enjoying the atmosphere of Auckland's dedicated Arts Precinct during our first fully realised festival since the Covid pandemic?

Where are the creatively conceived and engaging spaces, the public art installations? Where is the cohesion and activation? Why isn't there a food truck hub to counteract the dearth of nearby restaurants? Why are the bars in the Aotea Centre, the Town Hall and the Civic Theatre CLOSED?

Where is Auckland Council's vision for its Arts Precinct?

The lack of vision means that the economic conversion of approximately 100,000 Arts Festival patrons over an 18 day period have been lost to a Council that has failed to recognise the value that these patrons represent to their own, and to the surrounding business, ecosystem.

On one hand, Council decries the lack of value that Art, Culture and Creativity bring to the city by threatening their sustainability with funding cuts. On the other, Council shuts down its Arts Precinct at 8.00pm on a Friday night during a Festival and fails to activate assets that could enhance the Festival experience, draw people into the precinct, and further capitalise upon the economic opportunities that the Festival presents.

What would Sydney have done?

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Improving the standard of living and the well-being of people in an economy includes ensuring a vibrant and accessible culture.

- Worldwide, creativity and innovation are recognised as critical to the recovery of cities post the global pandemic.
- Art and Culture provide identity and a point of difference – something that Auckland City needs in order to be globally distinctive and economically competitive with other cities.
- Art and Culture encourage creativity, collaboration and innovation. These skills are crucial to the future economy and they cannot be expected of a future workforce if they are not taught, nurtured or made accessible as that workforce develops.
- Art and culture powerfully augment the economic potential of other businesses and industries - hospitality, design, advertising, broadcasting, education, fashion, retail, tourism, transport, etc.
- Defunding Art and Culture will not only inhibit participation and access to the arts in the present, it will serve to destabilize our current creative sector and arrest the development of our future culture – a setback which is far harder (and more expensive) to recover from than it is to prevent - and which will cost us not only money, but also momentum, opportunity and potential.
- Defunding Art and Culture reduces access to people and communities who most need it. *"Cultural activities foster social inclusion and dialogue among diverse communities, while tangible and intangible heritage are integral parts of a city's identity, creating a sense of belonging and cohesion."* [9]
- By making these cuts, Important artistic, educational, regional and community initiatives will be interrupted or abandoned, driving the arts into an inaccessible and elite sphere rather than empowering them to serve and embrace the full spectrum of the population.

When Art and Culture are less accessible, fewer people participate or engage in the arts - when fewer people participate or engage in the arts, community is diminished, practitioner skills are eroded, audience literacy declines and artistic standards

drop - when skills, literacy and standards drop, excellence is compromised, practitioners leave the sector and culture is devalued - as culture is devalued, its important social and economic benefits are lost – and once lost, those benefits are far harder and more costly to regain and rebuild

Art, Culture and Creativity offer enormous value to Auckland City. The fact that Council does not prioritise this potential, or have a vision to realise its value, does not mean that it isn't there.

I urge you to reconsider your approach to Art, Culture and Creativity in Auckland. Don't deplete it. Empower it to make Auckland a great city.

Ngā mihi nui,

[9] [UNESCO Cities and Culture](#)



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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 last thing the public transport system needs right now is less funding. in a world where we should be moving away from Auckland being a car dependent city, having decent, dependable public transport is absolute. Art and cultural funding and programs give lower income and all people increased quality of life. Many artist and performers depend on the funding, removing would make Auckland worse off culturally and increase the appeal of other regions (e.g Wellington and Christchurch). Finally, even before the increased cost of living, many families depend on early childhood centres to be able to work and support themselves. To not only decrease funding, but to cease the centres all together, would sky rocket the levels of childhood poverty. While I understand that Auckland council would like to decrease their spending, all these programs are the exact type projects the council should be with funding, and anything different would make me question the real value of the council.

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

Tell us why: To sell off shares, would only be a short term fix to the debt issue. The result of which would negatively impact aucklanders.

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Rates

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: To reduce the operating days and hours of the library is a massive disservice to Auckland, not only do people rely on the free wifi to look for jobs, but to connect with others. To lessen or stop funding programs relating to the arts, again a massive diss

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

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 'Do not 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 any of these cost reductions. As a queer dance artist renting in Tāmaki Makaurau's CBD, I see these cuts having significant effects on my Auckland community as a whole, and on my arts community that is already always struggling for funding.

I am incredibly concerned by Proposal A's cuts to community programmes and social services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau. The CAB provides essential advice to renters, such as myself, who deserve access to clear and reliable advice on their rights.

Proposal B's cuts to Regional Contestable Grants would be particularly harmful to arts organisations such as Basement Theatre, that I and so many other independent performing artists rely on to get our work seen. Arts, environmental and community services programmes that would lose funding under Proposal A's budget cuts, are all run by dedicated people who have the expertise and community connection necessary to run these essential programmes. They are also incredibly efficient with their use of this money - \$3m will go much further in these grants than the benefits of the council saving it.

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

Tell us why: A better budget for Auckland suggests that 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 as

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

Tell us why: It would be sensible to both set higher general rates, and make greater use of debt. We have just come out of a devastating global pandemic. If there is any time to make greater use of debt, it is now. Investing in Auckland's services will create revenue

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

Tell us why: In light of the recent flooding, and likelihood of future similar events, investment must be made to keep stormwater infrastructure up to standard.

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

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Ellen Melville Centre is a thriving community hub. It is so difficult to achieve that in such a spread out city. It would be a huge loss to the central city community. I recently performed in Studio One Toi Tu for Auckland arts festival. It provides a

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection.

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

Do not cut Creative Communities arts grants, funding to Auckland Art Gallery and other local art hubs. Art is essential to people's well-being. Access to art for people of all means and classes is enabled by Council funding and support.

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Reducing regional services,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

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

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), 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? Address the property investors? Regulate the standards. We don't need so many developers making enormous profits of other peoples quality of living.

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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Organisation (if applicable): TAPAC (The Auckland Performing Arts Centre)

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: I am writing on behalf of TAPAC (The Auckland Performing Arts Centre in Western Springs) and we do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and 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.

Arts organisations, such as TAPAC, were created by our community for our communities. We provide a safe, accessible space where diversity is accepted and voices can be heard; for example we run classes for Senior to improve their mobility after sufferings debilitating illnesses and Pacific Dance classes for tamariki to connect with their culture, last year alone our theatre hosts performances in Hindi, te reo Maori, Mandarin, French, Russian, we provide a home for Unitec Screen Arts, Western Springs College (Dance and Drama), we provide an accessible space for companies work with students living with disabilities, including Touch Compass, Star Jam, The Glass Ceiling Collective. Emerging artists,

industry professionals and community groups create and share their stories in our spaces. Students and audiences come to learn, to engage and broaden their horizons.

Now is not the time to further strip our communities of places like ours to engage in, practice and create, to remove events that not only make our city more vibrant but bring people together to celebrate our diversity and promote inclusivity, to remove opportunities for creativity, growth and innovation. Now is the time to instead turn to the arts and cultural sectors for help to move our city into a culturally richer, artistically richer and creatively richer space so that our communities resilience and innovative approaches can be harnessed to move us through the challenges that face us locally, nationally and globally. This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

Please don't underestimate the resources that don't have an immediately apparent financial value, the value of arts and culture may not be as easily measurable in a financial spreadsheet but when removed or decreased there will be a significant impact on economic growth and community wellbeing.

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. The remaining organizations will all be desperately competing against each other for scraps of funding from other sources which have been providing vital funding to groups not supported by the Council. This will then be stretched too thin and more organizations, programmes and facilities risk being lost.

The repercussion of these reductions will impact far beyond those who currently have support. The impact of this on Auckland will be far reaching and this impact will not be immediately apparent but will create an immeasurable deficient in our city's arts and culture.

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

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?

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Tell us why: Business awards not necessary.

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

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: To build a vibrant, resilience and inclusive city we must leverage debt and increase rates.

Do NOT decrease funding for: Art and culture initiatives, local board discretionary funds, community events, homelessness outreach, climate change mitigation activities. Do not increase to costs of rent for community centres. This will mean groups will no longer be able to use them.

By passing this budget as it is, it will set our city backwards by decades.

I will pay more rates to keep these activities

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

Tell us why: Selling shares in the airport is short term thinking. Keeping the airport shares will ensure ongoing income for the city. Increase rates and leverage debt instead.

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

Tell us why: The proposed rates increase is less than inflation. A higher rate will ensure our city is future proofed and per property an increase isn't very much.

We also have a very good debt rating. We should use this position to leverage debt more as it will ens

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure to ensure our city is resilient to flooding events which are becoming more and more common. I have had friends in Māngere who have lost their homes and all their belongings due to poor stormwa

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The priorities are critical to our local board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These activities contribute to a vibrant and inclusive local board area. the activities undertaken at Ellen Melville and Toi Tu are free and accessible to all people of Auckland which is important during a cost of living crisis.

Community programmes su

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Spend less on projects that purely focus on roads and more parking for cars

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not reallocate the CATR. Spend it on what was planned when it was passed

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 reducing funding to Auckland Unlimited to the extent it will reduce funding for Auckland Art Gallery

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

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

Tell us why: The return on the asset is not sufficient and the money tied up in the AIAL shares would be better off reducing debt

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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.

Prioritise climate change policies and initiatives.

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

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

Based on Auckland Council's assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase that they investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries of what

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

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

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Tell us why: Arts, community services such as libraries, CAB, galleries and environmental education and initiatives are of the utmost importance and real change and support happens at a local level with aid of the arts and communities services

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Community facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives

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

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What 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 reduction. I suggest that instead you should consider unfreezing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rate. I urge AC to consider borrowing instead of the drastic cuts, the self imposed debt ceiling is very low. AC has been given a AA rating by Standard and Poors which means there is room to borrow. And given Local authorities can borrow at a very cheap rate so it is prudent to take advantage of this short term until the assets start bringing in revenue following the difficult period during the Pandemic.

To cut spending to stop supporting these services is False Economy and short sighted. After the three years of Covid restrictions and the recent floods/cyclone now is the time to support Aucklanders not cut spending. Funds can be used to attract Tourists back to the city, to support arts/festival events to attract people (local and international) to the city this will in turn support businesses - retail/hospitality/accomodation etc etc of which are all residents as well as business owners. It is paramount that AC take the health and wellbeing into account - many people rely on these services and the decision to make cuts is drastic and being made too hastily without considering other options. Communities need to be have more time to consider/be consulted.

Local Boards are a central part of communities - they need to be continually well funded to provide the services in their communities, needs that are very specific to each communities. We need to consider these cuts as a cut to our health

budget as cutting services will result in higher levels of mental and social unwellness - something our communities cannot afford socially or economically especially at a time of cost of living crisis and the aftermath of floods /cyclone damage.

Many of these things that are going to be affected by the proposed cuts add to the vibrancy of our city and make it what it is without them our city would be dull and would not attract tourists who come to the city to spend money.

Many of the services also support the more vulnerable in our city - cutting these services will definitely affect the mental and social wellbeing and we will all suffer the consequences .

It is paramount we do not cut funding to AT and Auckland transport - in fact we need to spend more to provide more options rather than travelling by car. Public transport is already used by thousands of people to travel to and from work daily , this will affect all services in our city if people cannot rely on PT to get around the city. Again very short sighted.

I urge AC to reconsider all the proposed cuts to these services etc in their entirety.

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Tell us why: Selling what is left of the Airport shares will have irreversible consequences , while selling the shares might bring a some money in now it will prevent any revenue in the future making Auckland even more reliant revenue from rates. It is more sensible

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Tell us why: I propose to do both - make greater use of debt and increase business rates. - business make money households do not therefore they shouldn't be treated the same. However a increase in household rates is also possible considering Auckland has relatively

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 is really important right now to get the council and the city back on track. We cannot afford to continue to under invest in such an essential aspect of our city. We need to prepare for the future - the weather events in January/February have

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Tell us why: I consider all of the above are essential either for the health of our physical environment or the health and well being of our communities. We can not afford to compromise and again i urge AC to borrow to support these essential services/events/infrastr

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I don't support cuts to any of these service, i regard them all 'essential' and don't think it's appropriate to make funding cuts to any areas.

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What do you think of these proposals? I have concerns that AC reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established in 2022 with overwhelming support from the public.

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I oppose budget cuts and encourage AC to borrow instead as we have the capacity to do so.

We cannot afford to make cuts to buses, CABs community gardens, climate Action, libraries, empowering local boards, the Arts, events etc - these are essential to k

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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: Holding control of our key connection is beneficial to our future as Aucklanders. Decreasing our share for short-term "gain" reeks of politicians trying to provide "results" at the detriment of future generations.

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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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop funding roadway contractors with over-the-top safety measures.

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?

Debt is used as fear-mongering for politicians looking to survive.

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: More emphasis on investment in reducing future flood risks, in low-carbon transport, and especially access of poor areas to more reliable public transport

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: I agree with the suggestion to sell assets such as golf courses that are enjoyed by a few and don't contribute to Council finances

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why: Council needs to borrow now to make the necessary investments, this is not the time to soak it to already suffering rate-payers

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: This is tiny compared with what is required

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Well balanced 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?) Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, 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: More community engagement is the key

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Seems to be a disconnect between different parts of Council, contractors and an overall strategy - I'd like to see more clear KRAs, KPIs and accountability

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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?

Let's see more action on Managed Retreat from flood-prone areas, together with much more encouragement of low-carbon life-style. There's a Climate Emergency!

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding for youth programmes. There is too big a need in this space.

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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: The council are not the only ones struggling in this environment. Putting more cost back on households is not the answer.

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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 areas that are proposed to be cut are important to retain for Auckland to develop.

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

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is too important a strategic asset to sell off.

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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: Property values have risen significantly.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 work - along with managed retreats and buy outs.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The Waitematā Local Board forgot to mention the development of Ponsonby Park, the new civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road that is already underway with the development of Phase One fully funded by an endowment grant. Phase Two must be prioritised to ensure t

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, 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: ALL should be retained.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Use more Community-Led Design initiatives as the WLB did with Ponsonby Park. We have run several submission processes on behalf of the WLB with large numbers of people engaging at a fraction of the cost the WLB would incur. Sadly the community, despite pr

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What do you think of these proposals? People who need smaller bins should be encouraged to have one and not penalised for downsizing. People who already process their food waste via worm farms or composting should be rewarded for doing so. Public transport must be made reliable, efficient &am

7. What else is important to you?

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

Ponsonby Park, the new civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road is a hugely successful Community-Led Design project. Despite Phase One being fully funded and ring-fenced, the funds have been depreciating in Council's coffers for Months. This is negligent fiscal m

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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: Short term solution. Loss of strategic asset. Future revenue stream. Land value will increase. Risk of foreign ownership/control and decline in service quality.

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

Tell us why: Increase general rate to offset not selling shares in AIAL.

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

Tell us why: Pro-actively preparing for future storms - for example by keeping drains cleared - will help reduce future damage and repair costs.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Libraries are a vital service, but some reduction in hours would be preferable to closing branches or using volunteer staff.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries - and librarians - provide an essential service and are a source of information and education for communities. The quality of this service should not be diminished by staffing libraries with volunteers. Some reduction in opening hours could be m

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Closer monitoring of contractors to achieve better value and avoid waste. For example, new plantings of native trees have been cut down by careless contractors.

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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? One-off fee for changing bin size - no charge for smaller bin size.

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: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

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

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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.

As an aspiring creative and person who knows other people in these sectors, life long job satisfaction and security of well being will be heavily tarnished from cutting funding. Arts do not just include meager creative pursuits but also have allowed many colleagues to find self worth and a means to provide to the city and society they live in.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

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

Tell us why:

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

Albert-Eden Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?)

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community and civic events, including ANZAC events, Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives, and volunteer activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- 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 MOST reductions. Council could take out one park activation in each local board, remove ineffective council subcontractors and close museums and zoos one day a week.

Libraries, waste, public transport and ecological restoration (support community groups to do this) remain vital services.

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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: There has not been enough public debate on this topic and it remains an option but right now more context is needed on how strategic assets are valued and managed. Once the family silver is gone it's gone.

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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: Cities will get more complex as they grow and need more funding, not less.

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: if the city is not resilient it will become less attractive to live in and ratepayers will desert it. Part of this proposed operating budget should go to changing planning rules to find long-term ways to prevent risky building developments. Council must s

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, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Introduce user-pays fees for mandatory compliance monitoring of non-compliant activities, e.g. helicopter consents, tourism concessions.

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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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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

The reason many desire to be in Auckland or come to Auckland is because of the culture, the art, and the community. Cutting back on these areas just does not make sense considering the amount of people in communities directly benefit from these initiatives.

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

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

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

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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 do not support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community 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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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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Tell us why:

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5. Local Boards

Ōrākei 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 grants, Local community events, Active communities programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? Support

Tell us why:**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, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

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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?****Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:**

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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: Just Citizens Advice Bureaux should be kept as they provide a service that simply isn't available anywhere else FOC and supports vulnerable people across all ages and ethnicities

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

Tell us why: We need the money now to help the flood victims on top of all the other debt you have put us in.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: I'm not happy about this but it's the best of the bunch in terms of what to do moving forward. DO NOT TAKE ON MORE DEBT. STOP SPENDING.

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: You guys need to cut your cloth and find the money in ADDITIONAL savings. Don't use the floods as an excuse to up the rates. This is so unfair on ratepayers. Radio ads for a greenwaste collection? Stop that stuff now!

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Seriously spending on 'nice to have' stuff like cultural and arts has got to be put on hold for the next couple of years. We can't do it all. Pull back.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to look at some environmental activities to help support climate change actions and water quality

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? There isn't enough space to go into detail. In short - pull back on expenditure across the board. Get rid of Panuku and Takati or whatever they are called/branded (there's more cost) this week and bring it back in house. AND DON'T PAY OUT MAJOR REDUNDA

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What do you think of these proposals? Rubbish collection is a core service of Council, how dare you add extra cost to rates to cover this?

7. What else is important to you?

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I think I've said enough don't 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 maintain currently reduced public transport services. Return this to previous levels because provision of adequate public transport is critical for mitigating climate change. Do not reduce regional or local services focused on dealing with climate change homelessness or education.

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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: Cutting spending to some of these programs would have negative consequences so we may need to increase rates to maintain them

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

Tell us why: As more impacts from climate change are felt it will be important to do all we can to adapt

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: While I support most of the priorities outlined, I do not support the cuts to education, libraries, climate and environmental and homelessness support proposed.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, 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? Roading; inner city congestion charges; increased parking fees; Wayne Brown's salary.

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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 Limited

Regional Services

Local board funded activities

& Regional contestable grants

The reductions proposed for the four groups, in my opinion, would result in an undesirable outcome for Arts enjoyers, creators, and culture. I don't see how over time the proposed reduction could possibly be beneficial to me, others, tourists, and the art scenes in the already rather dormant city of Tāmaki Makaurau.

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Rates

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

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- 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

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), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, 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?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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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 feedback

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support these operating spending reductions. Public transport is something we need now more than ever. We should be investing in public transport and making Auckland an easy, accessible and climate considered city.

Cutting funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited will grind the development of cultural and economic activity to a halt which will take years and year to recover. Without this activity communities and the city will be worse off.

We're already the hardest hit city from the pandemic and now is not the time to cut us off at the knees.

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:

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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

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: The recent storm events have highlighted how important it is to invest on our storm water infrastructure. We need to act now or we’ll be paying more later.

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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community programme delivery especially for those experiencing homelessness must be made a priority. There is a large community of people in the Waitemata local board area who experience homelessness so funding and support, including library opening hours

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

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

Arts, events and community led programmes are what make a city liveable. To cut funding and support to these areas would be doing a disservice to the people to live in Auckland.

Without targeting funding and support we lose overseas investors, new migran

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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: The reductions to funding for libraries and the arts are short-sighted and will cost more than they save in the long run.

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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 do not proceed with reducing funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, reducing local board-funded activities, or reducing regional contestable grants. I do not agree with these proposed

reductions. As a print lab technician working at AUT and an artist, I fear for the future of Auckland if this funding is cut. The net effect of eliminating and/or sizably reducing these assets will devastate Auckland's cultural, arts, and community sectors.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, 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.

As an arts educator and artist, I am fearful that outgoing graduates will be entering an arts and culture sector that is bereft of opportunities and possibilities. Our cultural/arts sectors are already competitive. The cutbacks and the expected shuttering of businesses due to reduced funding/staffing will create an inhospitable and barren environment for creatives. We need to invest in the future of our cultural, arts, and community sectors: please.

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

Tell us why: Unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and Natural Environment Target Rate can generate revenue that can help us to avoid the cuts.

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

Tell us why: My parents, who live out at Piha, were completely devastated by the floods and storms. Even today, my parents still retain limited access as Piha is "residents only". Many of my friends have been impacted by this climate-change-related weather event. This f

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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: As an ordinary ratepayer who enjoys classical music and the arts, I am deeply concerned about the proposed Auckland Council Budget that includes significant reductions in funding for these sectors. These cost-cutting measures will have a negative impact on our local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art, and community sectors.

In my opinion, this is not the time to be cutting back on funding for the arts. Instead, we should be investing in Auckland's future by supporting our arts events, music, cultural festivals, theatre, dance, comedy, and other creative activities that bring life to our city and bring Auckland communities together. These activities also have the potential to attract domestic visitors with all the benefits that entails.

When 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 arts economy and its ability to sustain another blow (Covid-19) to its viability. It will also have a negative impact on the quality and diversity of the arts in our community. I was very conscious of this listening to the participants in the recent Lexus Song Quest, why don't we get the importance of investing in the

arts. It takes as many years to train and support an artist to maturity as it does a doctor, we could miss out on a generation of talent as drive towards mediocracy.

These are not “nice-to-haves” that can be turned on or off at will. An ecology of artistic endeavour will be lost, and some of the organisations responsible for sustaining 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. This could lead to us becoming a cultural wasteland!

In my opinion, a reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run. We need to invest in our arts and cultural sector to ensure that Auckland continues to prosper, and our communities thrive. The positive impact that the arts have on our city cannot be overstated, and we must do everything in our power to support them.

I want to express my support for continued funding of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Auckland. As an ordinary ratepayer, I believe that CAB plays a crucial role in meeting the needs of our community in ways that other agencies and services cannot.

The service is accessible to all, with no time limits, and volunteers provide a level of empathy, impartiality, and anonymity that is hard to find elsewhere. As a universal service, there are no barriers for people seeking help. CAB is often a first port of call and is also where Council and others send people when they don't have answers or time to help.

Funding the CAB is consistent with Auckland Council's role in promoting community well-being, as it is a community service that is run and delivered by volunteers from the Auckland community. The Local Government Act places responsibility on Auckland Council for social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of local communities. Funding the CAB is an effective way for Council to meet its goals. The CAB has a key role to play in ensuring people are connected to the information, advice, support and services they need to navigate life's problems and challenges - which, for many, are increasing and becoming more complex.

Furthermore, Auckland CABs are lean and cost-effective with a high return on investment. Auckland CABs receive around \$2m in Council funding each year, providing the staff support, overhead costs, and local infrastructure to support 900 highly-trained volunteers to deliver the CAB service. Last year Auckland CABs helped over 163,000 people.

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

Tell us why: This is short sighted, and this is not the time to be selling assets.

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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?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: As an ordinary ratepayer in Auckland, I believe that investing in our communities is crucial for their growth, especially during these challenging times of recovery from Covid-19, floods, and cyclones. Cutting funding for community, arts, and cultural ini

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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.

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 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 extremely important it is for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events. My brother lost his whole house, and is now having to continue paying a mortgage on a property he can't live in, while try

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Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I strongly oppose the idea of cuts to any of these crucial public and community services. 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

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What do you think of these proposals? I am concerned the Council wants to reprioritise the Climate Action Targeted Rate when it was established just last year with overwhelming public support. I cannot afford to own a car, and I strongly support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways

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

The arts are incredibly important and I strongly oppose all cuts that will impact the arts & culture of Auckland. The arts are recognised to contribute to the economy, improve educational outcomes, create a more highly skilled workforce, improve health

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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 cut funding for children and ECE & support; do not cut the CAB - this is a very valuable resource that requires more support and promotion; do not cut community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes; do not cut public transport - increase public transport support and lower charges further; do not cut local board funded activities or 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: It is always bad financial policy to sell off assets to cover a lack of income. Tax unoccupied homes out of existence, and tax rental properties higher to stop the growing home-ownership inequities and the unlimited benefits to property speculators.

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

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

Tell us why: Storm response and future-proofing is part of a necessary climate response.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support these priorities above all others. It is a short and mostly vague list that is then contradicted by the longer lists of cuts and defunding.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a bullshit question with an artificial limit of three and an artificial separation of activities - in what way are 'waste minimisation', 'Low Carbon Lifestyles', 'Environmental education' different things? Why is the cost cutting no/low mow activi

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Utilise golf courses for dense, liveable public housing mixed with affordable apartments. For the economically obtuse, this is similar to 'sell of the golf courses', except instead of the future profits going to developers and speculators, the financial b

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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 areas listed above is what makes Auckland City a vibrant city to live in - it fosters community connection and engagement which increasingly important in times for uncertainty. Putting financial barriers on these services / engagements with disproportionately affect our less well off residents at a time when they need access to these more than ever.

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Tell us why: We are in a low point of the market and it is not a particularly astute time to sell these shares. Furthermore, once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council, which in my view is critical.

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

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Tell us why: I think it is critical that we start investing to making Auckland more resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. I work in a business that was flooded twice in the beginning of the year with significant material loss as well as a

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Tell us why: I fully support areas within parks and reserves for no-mow/low-mow approach. I DO NOT support cuts to Water quality and waterside restoration, Community climate action and

sustainability, Waste minimisation, Environmental Restoration and Pest

Control 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?) 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

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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 support food waste collection in all areas (this will reduce landfill costs significantly) I also want to see that the one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size only applies if a larger wheely bin is requested to encourage

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 have used the CAB many times and believe it is essential to ensure that their ongoing funding is guaranteed. At a time when daily living costs are increasing services like the CAB and libraries ensure that we create a more equitable society where advice

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: None, and instead go after absentee owners of property and tax them. You're gutting an already broken public transport system and making auckland harder to live in and less entertaining.

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: Don't sell strategic government assets, look at Australia

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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: Put more into futureproofing our infrastructure

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

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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Organisation (if applicable): DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS ADVOCATES NEW ZEALAND

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 am responding with two hats on:

1. As a Board Member of Doughnut Economics Advocates New Zealand (DEANZ). We are a not for profit charity concerned about the environment and meeting social needs <https://doughnuteconomicsnz.com/>. It was through the Local Board funding that we were enabled to grow in the last 2 years from providing one Repair Cafe to now seven, where people can get things fixed for free by volunteers to stop things going into landfill <https://repaircafe.doughnuteconomicsnz.com/>. If this is cut back such initiatives will not be possible. We also had successfully established a pilot Doughnut Hub (composting and community gardens) at Newton Central School through WMIF funding which has enabled us to sign up three new schools to do the same this year. This is a wonderful educational program for school children involving the local community, recycling food scraps. In short, DO NOT REDUCE LOCAL BOARD FUNDING.

2. As a private citizen, I live in Auckland because it is a cosmopolitan, culturally diverse, lively and interesting city. I contrast this with Perth where I lived at one point in my life which was a cultural desert. The festivals, galleries, museums, theatre and artistic life of the city are essential to the character and world reputation of Auckland. Quite apart from how much we locals enjoy living here, if you want to continue to attract tourists, its cultural activities must be

maintained. in short, DO NOT REDUCE FUNDING OR ACCESS TO ANY CULTURAL OR ARTS ACTIVITIES including libraries which are so essential for education and learning.

Further, it makes no sense to me to reduce regional services which affect homelessness and youth services. All this will do is increase social problems which will cost more to solve and reduce the liveability of those 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? 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 benefits of selling outweigh the disadvantages

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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: Some increase in rates is inevitable but I cannot understand what your rationale is for pausing the residential to business split for one year. I think you should continue to make residential rates fairer. I generally approve of the rates and debt ratio

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

Tell us why: Sounds logical to me. With climate change we can only expect things to get worse.

5. Local Boards

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why: Especially the focus on the environment and social and economic resilience.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Environment and activities like our Repair Cafes and Doughnut Hubs are most important to me. Though I think it would be terrible to reduce library hours and other community left environment activities.

Manurewa Local Board

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

Tell us why: Community grants and the environment initiatives are the most important to me because of our Repair Cafes and Doughnut Hubs.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Reduction in service levels for community centres and arts centres (Nathan Homestead), Environmental programme volunteers, Local waste minimisation activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: It would be catastrophic for us if Nathan Homestead was closed because we hold our monthly Repair Cafes there. The other two were chosen for their environmental impact.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why: They all make sense to me especially in the light of recent weather events.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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 chose these three because arts and culture are so important to the area but so is the environment. And community facilities are very important to us for our monthly Repair Cafes.

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: They make sense to me

If funding for local board 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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemata waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: I chose these because the local board grants were so crucial to getting our first Repair Cafe started; and the other two for their environmental impact. However, I think it would be criminal to cut library hours which are so important for education and c

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

Whau Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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 of the opinion that this budget is proposing cuts to what makes Auckland a functioning, thriving, attractive, safe and healthy place to live and visit. I am particularly opposed to cutting the funding of arts, including libraries, community amenities and climate change measures. I'm a young professional who lives in the central city and I rely on public transport for my commute. Public transport, alongside being a critical way to reduce traffic, is key to reducing emissions in keeping with the council's commitments. As a recent PhD student, I am an avid user of Auckland's Library system. Our libraries provide critical services alongside book provisioning—digital literacy, cultural learning, vocational training and technology resources for those who don't have them. I have used all of these and they have been critical for both my education and career progression.

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

Tell us why: These shares are public assets which offer important revenue for Council. It is also clear that this is a poor time in the market to sell them, which greatly reduced the benefit of selling them.

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

Tell us why: I am in favour of setting higher rates and making more use of debt. It is a false claim that cutting public amenities, facilities, arts funding and climate initiatives is the only option in the current economic climate. The point of rates and borrowing is

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 is the only option for responsible leadership to increase the operating budget for these crises. This is a simple matter of duty, dictated by the clear science that the climate change which caused the anniversary weekend storms is being continuously wo

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why: I am feeding back on both my own community and that of my parents in Onehunga. Both the central city and onehunga are sites of inequality and deprivation. The people who sleep in the bus stops near my home are my neighbours, and the people who seek help a

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: First of all I oppose any plundering of funds from the Climate Targeted Action rate. I hope to have children in the next two years and I despair at the thought of their future being bargained away for short term gain. Climate actions in communities is a c

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? We are operating on the smell of an oily rag as it is, our community and environmental amenities are not the place to scour extra funds.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities are highly deserving of their existing and further funding. These uses of money are used by myself and my family regularly and their benefits would be sorely missed.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: I am getting married in Auckland Art Gallery and holding the reception in Ellen Melville in November. This is the extent to which the arts are important to my family, and we support council owned orgs.

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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 believe cutting any sort of funding to essential Auckland services is shortsighted and will cost more in the long term to rebuild. The proposed cuts are a devastating blow to those who rely on community organisations and I think proceeding with any reductions will always cause more harm than good.

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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: COVID has had a huge impact on the returns seen by entities such as airports however this is likely to bounce back as time goes on. Privatising a key transport player would only have negative impacts on councils ability to leverage this in the future.

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

Tell us why: Auckland has the lowest rates-to-services ratio in the country. Increasing rates by even a small amount would add to councils' funding pot. Additionally, we're not yet at our debt threshold, we could still increase our debt and maintain the key services t

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: The recent floods have demonstrated that not only do we need to invest in physical infrastructure but we also need to invest in our communities as well. The community was the first to respond to those in need during the floods and continued to show unprec

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), 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: It seems ridiculous to cut funding to community programmes that target issues such as homelessness and also to minimise the community's ability to connect.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell the golf courses. I encourage the low mowing. Find out what other minor services could be reduced.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? As an avid public transport user it worries me that bus services will be impacted by the Climate Action Targeted Rate. I would be really unhappy to see buses cut simply because AT needs to reduce costs. Public transport is already a huge topic in Auckland

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?

Communities and cities are not businesses. Any thriving city cares about it's people and their access to wellbeing whatever that may be.

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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 cuts to childcare or culture

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

Tell us why: Don't sell off assets. Just borrow more we have an excellent debt rating

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

Tell us why: Important!

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?

Arts, poverty, climate change, community services, citizens advice bureau

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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:

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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: we cannot afford to react to climate change, and i would rather us pay our financial dues preventively.

5. Local Boards

Puketāpapa Local Board

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Tell us why: amazing initiatives rooted in community care! we need more future-focused funding that invests in collective wellbeing.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Mt Roskill Library hours, Activities in parks and parks planning, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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? spend less money on wayne brown's salary.

Whau 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 parks, community facilities, and sports and recreation programmes, Local arts and culture activities and programmes, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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?

prioritise climate action and nationalise public transport.

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

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Community projects cuts reduced social support and cohesion -
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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 the proposed operating 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 don't 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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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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Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: As a lifelong professional music tutor, artist, performer and producer of shows, I have firsthand experience of the value of arts in our communities.

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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 are things that make any modern city thrive. Cuts to public transport directly impacts Aucklanders ability to get to work and live successfully.

Cutting arts programs is short sighted and will take a decade to rebuild. They will simply move offshore, followed by corporations and visitors.

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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: All airports have been hit hard. This is a long term investment on essential infrastructure for Auckland and most New Zealanders.

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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: General rates across the board are more equitable.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 could become unfortunately normal. Auckland needs to be prepared to help its communities and infrastructure.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Some public space or repairs may not happen now, but could be reprioritised in the near future.

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

Cutting programs and services not supporting tourism is stupid. Love it or hate it, tourism has a major impact on Auckland. People are travelling again and we should be there destination. We should be proud of Auckland the place the arrive and spend \$\$

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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I do not support these cost reductions. Reducing these expenses will negatively impact not only the wellbeing of a lot of our families and most vulnerable people, but in general will degrade the local economy and significantly hurt Tāmaki Makaurau's Community, Culture, and Arts sectors.

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Tell us why: I do not support a total sale of Auckland's shareholding in the Airport; our council should have a say in how the terminal's are used and developed in the future. However a partial sale at this time to decrease debt and annual interest costs is acceptable

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: We don't have a choice here. We know from not only scientific theory but our recent experiences that more storms are inevitable, and to ignore this will put Aucklanders' lives at risk.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: In particular I support prioritising programmes that will support community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment. 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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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Wayne Brown's salary can be nullified if you're worried about saving some money.

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Speaking for myself, I am a creative practitioner, an illustrator and designer, and I participate in cultural events, local markets, creative markets, conventions, and festivals. I regularly attend Overload, other Japanese cultural events, Auckland Zinefest, arts festivals, Late Night Art, among other events. Whenever I go to these events, one thing that stands out to me the most are the other attendees. Everyone's lives are enriched by art and culture. Artistic events are part of my culture and identity, and stripping those away will not give any benefit in the short or long term. As stated above, this will affect anyone, not just those in the creative sector. Arts and culture gives life to any dwelling, it is not in any way useless. If it is devalued, there will be no life in Auckland city.

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and culture-related programmes are essential to why I have submitted responses to these questions, same with local community events.

Environmental education is essential in this ever-increasing climate crisis.

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.	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?

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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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: Sell/develop inner city golf courses.

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: Sell/develop city golf courses. Redevelopment should include flood mitigation devices

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? Sell/develop the golf courses. Support for recreation is great but the reserve land use is wildly out of proportion of the number of people who benefit

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: As a New Zealand citizen that lives in the Auckland CBD I can personally attest to the dire needs for our budget to address the shortfalls in employment of civic sanitisation services, public transport, and wider civic services. Public toilets are regularly unavailable to people who are not homed, or in public in general. Toilet access becomes a paid-access issue when public services are closed and private businesses require customership to use their facilities.

I volunteered with the Ventia crew to clean up Auckland on Sunday 26th March and was astounded at the amount of ground they are expected to cover in a single working day with the limited resources they have. Our public sanitisation services are essential to keeping a clean and beautiful Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau.

Community empowerment is essential for a healthy, diverse Auckland that respects the mana of tangata whenua.

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

Tell us why: It is integral to the security of our local government and the powers that they can enact that they hold significant shares in local or state owned enterprises in order to leverage their power in favour of the community and overrule decisions that only se

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

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase AND make greater use of debt. The proposition to reduce the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds is especially irresponsible in the wake of substantial damage to our local environments and

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

Tell us why:For obvious reasons, the storm response was pretty crap, ay....

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: They sound good, Waitematā Local Board, but also very ambiguous and the lack of specificity means that you may be garnering support that is underserved.

If funding for local board 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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Slash the salaries of Auckland Council 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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? ALL areas need food waste facilities.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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

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? I don't know

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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

Tell us why: 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?) Local community grants fund, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration and pest control activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Community leasing charges

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

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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

Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Coun

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- 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 maintain the social services that Auckland needs to be a thriving city. We need the arts. We need the CAB. We need libraries and we need zoos. We need to maintain these services for people of Auckland.

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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?

Maintain funding for Pride and Big Gay Out

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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 cannot afford to reduce transport if you expect people to get to work.

Education and early learning opportunities are essential.

Some provision for the destitute and homeless is essential.

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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: If you sell all the shares you destroy your options for future emergency funding shortfalls, and will be forced to increase debt to cover your losses.

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: It is foolish economics to rely on borrowing to fund your activities. It is living beyond your means and inviting future generations to pay for your/our mistakes.

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

Tell us why: You have no choice. Auckland as NZ's largest city must be able to function. Council has a responsibility to serve the needs of all residents which includes safe roads, safe water, safe housing. You must lead us forward with sound planning and common sense

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Lets Institute would be a low priority for me right now, likewise community connections. Safe water and climate change action but would high on my list.

If funding for local board 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: Perhaps you should look at the most effective use of limited funds, look at responses to previous activities and initiatives and support the most popular.

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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 services like libraries, buses and local arts displays are hugely valuable to a large and diverse array of Aucklanders and visitors. If these budget cuts proceed, the funding for arts and culture will plummet, decreasing the resources for beloved local festivals like Music in Parks, Big Gay Out, Polyfest, the Writers Festival and Diwali. Pride events are essential for members of the LGBT community like me: the first Big Gay Out I ever went to as a newly-out lesbian was the first time I felt like I wasn't an outcast and that everywhere, there were people like me. The thought of losing such an important festival for our community is devastating. The proposed changes to buses are equally disheartening. Buses are relied upon by people from all backgrounds: tourists, students, those who are unable to drive for whatever reason and the elderly. Making them even more inaccessible would be a blow to a huge number of people and should not 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: Now is not the best time to sell our shares when they are low in value and only serve the short-term goal of managing debt. We should retain our shares, as they can be used to support future council funding and allow us to have a say in what happens to ou

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

Tell us why: A higher general rates increase should be set in addition to greater use of debt. Both of these options are financially affordable for the council and are necessary at this time

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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not reduce funding to any of these areas: all are important.

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

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To reiterate, the proposed cuts to council spending would be absolutely devastating for a huge majority of Aucklanders: those who enjoy the arts and culture, students, those taking public transport and those on lower incomes who rely on grants and public

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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: It would be going backwards for a major city such as Auckland to not promote major events and tourism. This would suck the vibrancy and culture out of the city, which has taken years of hard work to establish. As the biggest city in the country, the rest of NZ also depends on Auckland being able to attract events to the country.

Early childhood education is also a great resource for the community, which provides a considerable help to families in need.

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Tell us why: As the only Airport for the City, it would be appropriate to maintain some connection with a major asset.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

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

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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 a key asset

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: Preparing for freak storms seems over let conservative

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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: Reduction of local arts funding, arts is an integral part of our city as a whole and the atmosphere that is created within it. Public transport funding is how large amounts of the city move, from uni students to council representatives, without funding our already struggling public transport system may not be able to keep up with the high levels of demand.

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

Tell us why: When selling off parts of the public sector we need to think further into the future, will we ever be able to purchase it back? are there other ways for us to keep hold of the shares of is this the last resort? When thinking about selling off the airport

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

Tell us why: I think that the council should combine multiple points. The council should set higher general rates, this is because as stated in the proposal a 1% increase can give the council up to 20 million extra in funding. This could give the council more money to

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

Tell us why: It is important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially given how the recent floods and cyclone have impacted the current infrastructure. Some of the infrastructure around the city has been damaged because of this and without the increases

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I think that without \$16 million in funding the central city will be unable to sustain all its services. From the public toilets to the homelessness every dollar of the local board funding is used within the city and without it we could see the bustling a

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community 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: I think all of these are important however, I believe that the most important areas for the local budget are climate action and local grants. As without these we could continue to have a growing homelessness problem as well as a growing impact on the clim

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 bus services should be electric, this is an integral part of the carbon-zero by 2050. Without changing the way bus services are run we will not be able to change the way the bus services run. I also think that by replacing the busses this will get mor

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

Increase local funding. By reducing local funding we are creating more problems for the local board and therefore more problems for the community. There is no good reason for us to refuse this funding. Instead we should increase rates.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Essential social services for residents' health and welfare ensuring support and reasons for living in Tamaki Makaurau should not be axed for bottom lines and other book keeping.

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Tell us why: Babies and bathwater, longer term view

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: Essential future amelioration, long overdue

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Tell us why: Natural amenities maintenance/support of natural habit of trees (not cutting, pruning, thinning, spraying for the benefit of invasive pasture grass and hence more mowing or dead ground collecting rubbish, enabling erosion and deterring biodiversity e.g, b

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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

Tell us why: None of the above to change

5. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why: None of the above to change

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Get rid of all government funded lands to do with golf courses, all middle management who are highly paid and doing not much. Get rid of all the funding to do with the viaduct and get rid of funding the marina's.

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What do you think of these proposals? None of the above to change.

7. What else is important to you?

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

I say Charge the rich, get rid of any owned assets regarding activities and land related to that of affluence and help the poor and struggling parts of Auckland . Most kiwi's are hard working and are struggling to get by as it is with todays rising costs

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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 cuts would heavily impact: people already struggling to make ends meet (i.e., childcare) - further strengthening inequality; our environment (not just in Tāmaki) - whilst we're already facing a climate crisis and have experienced first-hand the devastation of this on people's livelihoods - and lives; and on every community in Tāmaki - specifically minorities. It would destroy harmony, increase mental health issues, and again limit the ability of ALL people living in Tāmaki Makaurau to enjoy this city. Likely ensuring that people will move and not immigrate. This would ruin Tāmaki.

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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:

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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: Both:

1. Set a higher general rates increase
2. Make greater use of debt

Why would we reduce the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates by two-thirds when we have just experienced severe damage locally and to our waterways with the floodin

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

Tell us why: I think it is vital we have funding in place for extreme weather events. It's clear that we will continue to experience flooding moving forward. People have lost their lives, security, and homes, and broader impacts on mental health, communities, and fear

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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 wish for any reductions here. I have personally benefitted significantly from the lower bus fare costs and this has enabled me to access university, shops and specialist services outside of walking distance. Without cheap reliable public transport, I would likely spend less money locally and be less able to access healthcare and employment opportunities. I believe Auckland is not a walkable city and it will be many, many years, and much more redevelopment and funding until it is. Until then, adequate, frequent, and cheap public transport is a boon to students, low income and disabled peoples and is crucial towards mitigating emissions.

I strongly believe that any cuts to 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 would be of extreme and dangerous detriment to community wellbeing. I have benefitted personally from this funding, and have seen the benefits to my neighbourhood in the heart of the cbd. The cbd is a more attractive, welcoming, happier, more connected and safer place as a result of the funding. I have noticed my neighbourhood improving in these matters as a result of funding and I do not want the students, low income people, youth and LBGT+ and ethnic minorities of my community to suffer from the loss of these. I believe that these cuts would actively work against every stated goal of the Auckland 2050 plan. These goals are important and involve the following:

1. Belonging and Participation - All Aucklanders will be part of and contribute to society, access opportunities, and have the chance to develop to their full potential.

2. Māori Identity and Wellbeing -

A thriving Māori identity is Auckland's point of difference in the world – it advances prosperity for Māori and benefits all Aucklanders.

3. Homes and Places - Aucklanders live in secure, healthy, and affordable homes, and have access to a range of inclusive public places.

4. Transport and Access - Aucklanders will be able to get where they want to go more easily, safely and sustainably.

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Aucklanders preserve, protect and care for the natural environment as our shared cultural heritage, for its intrinsic value and for the benefit of present and future generations.

6. Opportunity and Prosperity -

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Tell us why: Selling off these shares is a very poor economic decision. The amount of money gained in the short term is extremely minimal in the context of the current market, and is simply not worth it in comparison to the benefits of keeping these shares in the long

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

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

"Based on Auckland Council's assumptions and modelling, the highest possible rates increase that they investigated (>13%) would fall well within the boundaries

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

Tell us why: I live in an apartment built directly upon a tributary of the well known, culturally significant and now buried Waihorotiu stream. The taniwha of the river - Horotiu has been understood by mana whenua as a mischievous and playful taniwha, reflecting the v

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Tell us why: All of the priorities for Waitematā are commendable and incredibly important for climate adaptation and community well being. I do not support any cuts to funding which would impact these priorities.

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: ALL of the Waitematā priorities are of utmost importance to me. I would not want any cuts to any of these integral services. At the very least, youth need to be supported in the community and have to have education with respect to climate adaptive practices

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

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I also feel it essential that we do not further reduce funding to our public transport/ maintain the current already-reduced services. Aucklanders need access to comprehensive and usable public transport. This is essential in order to reduce barriers created by poverty and to lower carbon emissions. I rely on public transport in order to live and study in this city- without it I honestly feel I would not be able to live here. Less public transport makes it harder for lower income people in every aspect of their lives, and cements existing wealth divides in doing so. Worse public transport also causes a far greater reliance on cars, which has a massive effect on our community's contribution to climate change. I do not need to

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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: I find all the proposed cuts unconscionable. I use public transport every day and have done for years. The current state of public transport in Auckland is pretty abysmal - the number of cancelled services affects people's lives in ways that car drivers don't understand. Last week I waited at the bus stop for 40+ minutes as every bus I was waiting for was gradually cancelled before my eyes. I had to call and reschedule my dentist appointment because I couldn't get there on time, even though I had very early to try to avoid this very scenario! An elderly woman was waiting with me and she grew increasingly frustrated and upset. She explained that it had taken her an hour and a half to get from Mt Roskill to the CBD that morning (a trip which takes 10 minutes by car). She said that she was trying to get home to make her husband dinner but she didn't know if the buses would ever come. The lack of public transport hurts disabled people, the elderly, students, and the working class. We spend so much of our time waiting for buses that never show up - but our time is as valuable and precious as any one else's. Our ability to move around and access different parts of the city - the city that we live in and pay to maintain - should not be so flippantly and callously taken away from us. Most of all, we shouldn't be punished for relying on public transport when, in the face of climate change, we ALL need to be using public transport more and seriously reducing car use. I recommend increasing funding to public transport and paying drivers a fair wage.

Taking funding away from community and cultural services like CAB is straight up unethical and anti-people. Again, the council is targetting the services that are used by working class people, homeless people, disabled people, and migrants. Why aren't big businesses getting targetted instead? Why aren't businesses getting increased rates? They can afford it! In typical neoliberal fashion, you attack and take away from the most marginalised and exploited people, who are already under-served. The council doesn't gain that much money by making these cuts, but vulnerable groups lose out on a huge amount.

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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 lose this asset? This is short-sighted.

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

Tell us why: The council should 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: Climate change means that natural disasters are only going to become more frequent and more devastating. Invest in improving infrastructure now.

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: Libraries are one of the last places we can visit in the city without having to pay for anything. We can access the internet for free, provide some shelter to people without shelter, and get all kinds of info and support - including support from CAB. I u

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

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

Do not remove investment in Auckland's bus services! We need more buses, not fewer. I support greater investment in buses and greater investment in making cycling and walking easier and safer. The CA

7. What else is important to you?

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

Please listen to the people who actually use the services that council wants to cut funding to. I support investment in public transport, CAB, environmental protection and restoration, libraries, and community services (e.g. support for homeless people).

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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: Agree with above 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: Sell council total holding but limit the purchase to NZ companies and individuals.

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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: Make increase rates to commercial properties in line with what residential properties are charged

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: Keep our rates down, get our debts down before proceeding with additional future storm budgets

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Need to get our debts down before spending any on the above

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? The Arts. Auckland Council should be commercial savvy about its contribution to the arts. And limit the amount of money to fringe artistic endeavours.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: The arts, and the zoo.

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Tell us why: We don't receive enough of a dividend. If another pandemic hit the shares will lose value

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: Would not be near enough money.

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Tell us why: It is all about the residents and their children.

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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: Rates have not kept up with inflation, across the board the council is trying to take away all that is essentially cultural and environmentally important for our society with simplistic style of accounting.

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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 is a stupid economic policy, never worked for national governments why should it work for local body councils.

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Tell us why: Rates have not kept up with inflation for the last decade. User pays , under the suggested cuts the poorest members of our society that use the facilities being cut pay .

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Tell us why: common sense

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What do you think of these proposals? get more and younger people to vote so our councils are not just representative of old white men

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increase the arts budget

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why: More investment in arts and culture desperately needed

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

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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?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any: Reduce budget to TAU further

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Rate rise to 5%

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

What do you think of these proposals? Don't support any funding for man made global warming, now conveniently called climate change, which is a meaningless term. Climate changes over Millenia - 18,000 years ago much of the South Island was covered in ice- no amelioration by man would have st

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: We don't want the reductions to the following:

- Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited: This would affect 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 and City Libraries 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. Other things affected like the Zoo, Art Gallery + stadiums are also of importance to us + our wider whanau. 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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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: 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.

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Waitematā Local Board

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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: Please note: I don't consider asking us to nominate only 3 activities (to not to be reduced) is appropriate or fair 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 saw in the 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 - although may need more contextu

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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 will continue to worsen the lack of on time transport and congestion faced by pedestrians and car owners as reduced buses continue to abandon passengers cos they're too full and more people drive as public transport is infeasible already which will only worsen as the akl population increases.

Funding for non profitable social services shouldn't be cut as these serve a deeper purpose and will cause detriment, reducing city mission funding will see more people on the street and further the potential of crime as a last resort. As well as this the lack of funding for youth centers will see more youths with nothing better to do, same with events and contestable grants, communities will interact less

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

Tell us why: Rates increases are peanuts compared to what most people including landlords will pay for the sale of these assets, they will decrease routes and places in New Zealand will become even more isolated as airline travel is gutted by international business in

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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 I said earlier, and extra \$154 a year is very little compared to the profit that landlords take from renters, as such renters were paying for it anyway so it should go to services that greater amounts of people use.

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

Tell us why: More effective, clearer planning is required as weather will continue to worsen, the people affected will need support and infrastructure is at risk, particularly electricity so at the very least local workarounds need to be cemented. 20 million is a clea

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't support the funding cuts. Increase rates

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and community events are for the people and community around them as such these would affect me directly. All of these are community services and cutting them will act to alienate people from their life beyond work/school and make the community into

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Cut funding to golf courses and make churches pay taxes.

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

Take the funding out of golf courses, the one in takanini is already operating as property so turn those into revenue, their funding is 2.9 billion, put it into things more people can enjoy throughout the city. An increase in \$433 annually in rates is the

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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.

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.

Arts and culture, events and festivals are essential for a city, both creating vibrancy and bringing people together. The council has an important role to play in both supporting the arts (music, film, visual, digital, dance) and making the arts accessible to residents.

Tamaki Makaurau is an ethnically diverse city and this is one of our major points of distinction. 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. The city will lose its vibrancy which attracts tourism both internationally and nationally. We need to strengthen the distinctive attributes of the city in terms of arts and culture to become more attractive as a destination as opposed to cutting the budgets. At the current service levels we can provide a rich range of experiences for a diverse range of residents. There are opportunities for intercultural knowledge to be gained.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities. We will lose the equitable access to arts and culture for families.

Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will no longer be able to provide them.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and if lost it will take a long time to get these services up and running again.

Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, the Museum and MOTAT provide essential services for families and ticketing prices need to remain fair and equitable.

Maintaining the level of bus services, we currently have for buses is a crucial error. With the city clogged with traffic, we need to encourage people to use public transport and if buses are not regular or affordable people will continue to use cars. The city will continue to lose productivity and remain full of highly stressed, angry and depressed residents due to their daily travel arrangements. Over dependency on cars is also a major environmental issue.

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

Tell us why: The airport has not been returning the dividends in the last couple of years due to covid and less usage of the airport. its not the time to evaluate its returns.

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why: Set higher rates and make use of more debt

It is practical and reasonable to do both of these things

Residents can cover the rates in order to pay for the services they need and are needed by the city

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

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Reducing local board funded activities

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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 reductions to operating costs or service provision. I am deeply concerned about the long term effects these proposed reductions would have on our communities. We NEED public services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, early childhood education, employment support, libraries, homelessness prevention and climate action. The short-sightedness of this budget will mean even larger debts in the years to come as the next generation comes up against the mental health issues and social deprivation this proposed budget will ultimately result 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: Once again, the proposed selling of all shares in AIAL is short term thinking which will decimate future prospects for Aucklanders. It would make our city permanently poorer in the long term and take one of the major key assets of our city away from publi

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

Tell us why: It was not offered as an option but I believe that Auckland Council should make greater use of debt AND set a higher general rates increase. The proposed general rates increase is not sufficient at present to make enough of a difference to the budget shor

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 know that the flooding experienced over Auckland Anniversary weekend is only the beginning. As the climate crisis worsens, we will undoubtedly experience more extreme weather events of this kind and therefore investment in our core infrastructure is ne

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Tell us why: Whilst I support most of the proposed priorities, I do not want this support to come at the expense of other key public and community services. Particularly in our city centre where people from all over Auckland come to enjoy public shared spaces such as

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Tell us why these are most important to you: It is extremely important to me that climate action and environmental projects are prioritised in this budget. We do not have the time or ability to take a backseat on climate action, as we are already seeing the results of past inaction. Additionally, pr

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Although the proposed cuts to maintenance and mowing costs are at present for non-recreational spaces, certain recreational spaces such as golf courses take up a huge amount of space, time and money for maintenance with very little return financially or s

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What do you think of these proposals? The Climate Action Targeted Rate was only introduced last year and had HUGE public support. To plunder the funds from this on behalf of Auckland Transport in addition to massively reducing the capacity of our bus services in the long-term has the opposite

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

As evidenced in my responses throughout this submission, my priorities and those of many, many of the Aucklanders I know is to continue to prioritise climate action, environmental protection and education, community programmes, arts funding, public transp

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Tell us why: The key priority for all local boards within Tamaki Makaurau will be to support best outcomes for Maori, including programmes that support community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment. Living within a square kilometre of the Sky tower, we see

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: Sell a golf course! Do not sell shares in the airport. Why don't you sell a golf course instead? Your priorities are totally backwards.

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Tell us why:

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Some reasons why:

- Public transport services are relied on by many who are financially struggling, or have no other means of transport (students, those in poverty, those who cannot practically or financially afford an alternative to public transport). We need MORE options and better funding. NOT less.
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- Community organisations and funding are crucial to ensure we can help those who most need it. That includes vulnerable groups like the homeless. Community groups can also provide security and belonging for those who are vulnerable or discriminated against such as (but not limited to) the LGBTQIA+ community, Māori and Pasifika, and so on.
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Tell us why: Research and commentators tell us that this is not a good time to sell these shares - especially at a low point in the market - and that once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage 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 vital for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events. As mentioned - floods, cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes, extreme weather.

I have seen so many friends impacted by the flooding. They have been

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Tell us why: Most of the proposed priorities are good. However I do not agree with the proposed cuts. We need to best utilise funding to help the community and environment. All priorities should have the people and the environment at the forefront.

If funding for local board 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: All above are important! Do not cut funding.

Community, people and the environment are important and play a part in the above.

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

- investment in buses cycleways and walkways is important
- climate funding should be prioritised not cut.

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

People. Climate. Better funding for community.

Communities like Sunday Blessings help provide a sense of community for the homeless or those in poverty and provide food and other services for them that they cannot afford. To continue to help our community

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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 reduce regional services and instead take on more debt to support quality of life offerings. I would be fine with raising rates.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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

Tell us why: '+1 to public spaces

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

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Find another solution, this is not the answer. Carry the debt, pay yourselves less, we as a community shouldn't have to pay for this and suffer for this.

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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: Auckland should still hold the 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? 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: Need to think about the long term effects of climate change and start implementing practices that will help reduce climate change because fixing up roads and infrastructure after a storm is just a bandaid.

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: This is unbelievable that you're making us choose. These are all so valuable and important for a city and community.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Charge going rate for 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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- 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: Set a policy of no salary reviews over the next 3 years (I haven't had a salary review for last 3 years).

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Tell us why: There is still an annual dividend, so retaining some would have benefits in future years

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: My rates each year far exceed the rate of inflation, this year they increased \$1000 (19%). The marketing by council of 'average increase of %4.66' is totally misleading. I get no more benefit for my money for the extra I pay each year.

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: No increase, you're trying to cut spend and you are increasing it

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The Leys institute should have earthquake strengthening and nothing else. The additions can wait, they are a nice to have not a must have. I totally reject the idea of a 'targeted rate' being proposed, maybe those councillors in favour of this can pay the

If funding for local board 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: It encompasses a social good (library) and some ecology.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Remove any discretionary spending. No supplied lunches/drinks at any council meetings or functions - including public events. Reduce all local board dollars by more than \$16 million.

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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? Cut all spend by more than the shortfall of \$295 million. No salary increase for anyone in council (and don't allow anyone to have a new title at an increased salary).

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Cut spend

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It shocks me that these resources above are even being considered for reduction. They are things I believe are deeply important for the richness & justice of our city. \$1.18 a day....

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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: Please keep this asset, this isn't a great time to sell these shares.

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

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

Tell us why: It seems fairly clear we need to invest in more stormwater infrastructure. My family livelihood has been directly affected by the storms.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Community, culture & ecology are of the utmost importance to me.

If funding for local board 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: Education and community are vital for a thriving city.

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?

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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?

I'm passionate about community, the arts, libraries, climate action. Please don't jeopardise these.

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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 spending on art and any cuts to library 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: While AIAL shares are going through a modest covid recovery, they will continue to climb in value. Selling them now seems like the worst financial management plan. Wait until the shares start to climb back up and then maybe a partial sell off could be con

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Tell us why: No one foresaw the weather events and people understand AKCouncil are under financial pressure. If ever there was a time to raise rates it is now. Council throughout the country, particularly the ones hit by weather events will be doing the same.

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Tell us why: We just have to be proactive rather than reactive. One we can control and the other we can't and the weather events show that Ak Council and other authorities were completely out of their depth.

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, Community climate action and sustainability, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: You cannot under estimate the value of libraries to a community. They are not just places where people for books. Libraries provide a safe place, a community space to share ideas, a refuge for parents and for people of all walks of life particularly those

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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 spend much of my work schedule overnighing in New Plymouth. The strong arts base is what makes this province so attractive. I realise the big events like Womad and Festival of Lights get a lot of attention but what these events have done is made the ar

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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: I do not support cuts to public transport, Auckland Unlimited's facilities and services: the Auckland Art Gallery, the ZOO, the Auckland Live, and the Bruce Mason Centre. Furthermore, I do not support the proposed cuts to funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services, CABs, or the proposal to halve Local Board discretionary spending which could result in cuts to library hours, grants, events, environmental projects, Movies in Parks, Anzac Day services, community gardens support, youth funding and more.

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Tell us why: These assets must never be sold, it is an unwise, rash, and irreversible decision.

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

Tell us why: I support council setting a higher general rates increase AND making 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: Its got to be done or else the future cost will be greater; potentially incalculable.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Funding should not be cut, but instead prioritised in the areas in Waitematā:

Community Development and Support, Library Hours, Environmental restoration programmes including stream restoration and pest control, Community Events, Community grants, Communi

If funding for local board 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: All are important but these are community linchpins

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I do not think cuts are wise at this juncture

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What do you think of these proposals? Do not support Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate.

I support a food waste collection service for city centre residents

I support more investment in public transport, walking, cycleways and safer roads.

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Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I believe we can reduce the debt by selling a golf course

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

Tell us why: Council will sell stuff and debt won't be reduced. Too much wasted on stupid things

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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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 waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Waste is so badly run why bother having it at all

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I think brand new big four wheel drives are a waste of money, the way the parks are maintained and streets are run badly, deaf blowers, streets are ripped up, put back, ripped up...

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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: Will be harmful to libraries

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Organisation (if applicable):

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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: As we are facing a recession and very hard times, so now is the time when free community events and services are crucial. Events especially bring people together, foster communities and individuals wellbeing and are accessible to all.

– Reduction to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited & Eke Panuku Development Auckland

– Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes etc

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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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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

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: There is very little keeping my generation (20s-30s) in this city, and the proposed reductions will only make this place more unlivable. It is a particularly horrid feeling to know that you will inevitably be priced out of living in the city you were born and raised in, and these cuts will limit our access to the few things we stick around for. The reductions will impact those who need these services the most, and go unnoticed by those with those who will never require them. The proposal reveals a lack of compassion for this city's most in-need; cuts to homelessness services, youth centres, and childcare services (which will disproportionately affect women) are detestable suggestions. Reduced resourcing of such fundamental services will incur greater costs in time, and honestly, our generation has enough on our plate thanks to past failures to make the correct investments.

Community groups and related services are a key source of support and purpose for many people. These should not be viewed as a luxury by Council, but essential to maintaining a liveable city. For new migrants, this might be the support provided by a community ESOL group or JOP; for retirees, an ecological group they can socialise and exercise with (while, not insignificantly, providing free labour to help the Council meet its climate and environmental promises), a weaving rōpū, or a repair library they can lend their skills to; for kids, an affordable school holiday programme; for young

parents, a space to connect and share their experiences; for youth and young adults, reassurance that there is something worth sticking around this city for.

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

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why: The proposal to reduce the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and Water Quality Target Rate by two thirds is especially concerning. These rates are instrumental to maintaining and restoring our natural environment, and if that's not a worthwhile investment

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 the proposal to increase spending on storm response, but am most earnest to see investment in preventative measures. That means climate action. Council declared a climate emergency in 2019, and yet this city is still beholden to our cars and are

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, 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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

We are on the precipice of significant social and environmental change, and this budget proposes to reduce or remove some of the most hopeful responses. I hope consideration can be given to those in this city who are most vulnerable over those who will go

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support 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?) Non-contestable local community group grants, Environmental restoration and pest control, Capital grants to sustain local community facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

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

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Increase general rates and other sources of income such as traffic/parking violations

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals? Further expand and support the public transport system

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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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: All of these services are important, particularly with a climate crisis and poverty post-covid.

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? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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

Rates

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

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Debt

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

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

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

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

Tell us why: We were unprepared for the last two storms, and the city will need to be prepared for further storms.

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: Environmental projects are critical at this point in time, and vulnerable people need 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, 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 projects are more important than ever and libraries important safe places that provide benefits to local communities.

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	
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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:

- 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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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: It is a shame to have to cut any of these services, but the one that worries me most is the third on the list which includes cutting funding for arts, education programs, and homelessness. I could not be proud to live in a city that didn't value arts and culture or taking care of people in need of homes and other social services.

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

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

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

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

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

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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: I would be willing to pay \$3 a week if this would mean we didn't have to take funding away from the things mentioned in question 1.

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 and more frequent with climate change. The longer we wait the more damage will be done and the more it will cost.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: The library, community centre, and community networks are places and systems that bring people together. It is important to have places where we go outside our home for arts, culture, and books, so we don't waste away watching Netflix alone at home!

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

I lived in a city in the U.S. last year where the 70-year-old, full-time orchestra went bankrupt. It is a tragedy for everyone there - not just the musicians who lost their jobs and left town, but for the children who lost their music teachers, the school

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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: Expenses are way out of control and need to be reigned in

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

Tell us why: I would not normally support this idea but the situation is so dire. A blocking stake of 10% is essential for such a critical piece of Auckland's infrastructure

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: To give breathing space to enable further planning of budgetary control

4. Storm Response

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

Tell us why: The cost of not doing this would be way higher

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 Board has to take its share of cost reductions. The restoration of the Leys is just too important to be left out though. If this building is left, then the damages will only increase and cost more to do in the future. This gift left a provision for that

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

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are vital for many of our minority groups and poor. These must be left open to all. The service is world leading.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Some of the grants given in the past have not been supervised and were wasteful

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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

What do you think of these proposals? I believe if people don't manage what they throw away then there should be a cost. I do not want to see people who are frugal about waste having to shoulder this change

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

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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: All of the above because we need those services for community.

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 soul and shares to others! We need to keep our assets. Sell a golf course that only a minority can use anyways

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? Other

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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

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

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

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These are essential

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals? We can barely survive as is and you want to increase rates every year!

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Invest in road structure instead of wasting money on little projects like Henderson . That was a waste of money

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Puketāpapa Business Voice

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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Keep Akl Unlimited's economic development spending. Cut spending in other lower priorities council areas.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: Spending more on storm protection and reduce spending in other low priority areas.

5. Local Boards

Puketāpapa Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: I encourage the local board to actively support the Puketāpapa Business Voice which supports local businesses in the area.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community development and support, Mt Roskill Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you: Support local businesses

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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?

Focus on council being more responsive to top priority issues as highlighted by community members.

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Don't sell them as it provides ongoing revenue and don't increase rates

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: Given interest rates debt is not a major problem

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: If Council was better organized and didn't allow building on flood plans there'd be no problem. Also implement storm water run-offs with plants.

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.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Climate change has been happening for billions of years, and no matter what we do we will not stop it; so all these taxes are not going to change anything - they're just another burden on tax payers that continue to push the price of everything up.

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Wasteful spending on ideology feelgood projects has got to stop.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: My employees already can't get to work or to work on time. The city is about more than drains. Without the culture there is no city. Every major and successful city in the world has these features that you want to get rid of. A great proportion of the city could not afford to benefit from these otherwise and the end result of this dis investment in 20 years would be horrific. Community connection would be lost. Not a city I would want to live in.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This option is raised on the idea of the last three years of COVID shut down. The dividend in 2019 was 59 million. In two years the 88 million is more than covered and every year there after. Selling is a one time option. Who are the real beneficiaries

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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 rates differential does not need to be further changed. Rates to be increased slightly further and debt increased slightly. A combination of both.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: This should already be part of the good and proper planning and governance. Did the council really think we would never have a problem given what we have seen around the world? Do what we should be doing now properly. Stop the infill housing in areas that

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:

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 would like to see savings from greater efficiency instead of reducing services. Better planning. Doing things once a properly. Less waste on consultants, including money spent on T Shirts to show the Mayor is in charge of the flooding - what a waste, le

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would not proceed with any reduction to public transport funding. Climate change is knocking at our door, as seen by the recent extreme weather events around the country. We need to urgently reduce our emissions or experience more frequent events in the future. Auckland's biggest emissions portion comes from private car use, we need to get more people out of cars using public transport. Making it more expensive and less frequent will do the opposite of that. Why not increase parking charges for extra revenue??

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This does not seem a good time to sell shares as the market is low.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Reducing natural environment and water quality targeted rates is irresponsible and short sighted in a climate emergency. The natural environment can both sequester carbon and mitigate from climate change effects. This type of short sighted thinking is what

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: Decades of under investment in our infrastructure has left weaknesses that were exposed after the recent heavy flooding. Unfortunately this is now landing on our shoulders to deal with. The response to manage the impact of future storms must include natur

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I support the water quality/environmental priorities.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Wetlands are very important for carbon sequestration and Auckland does not have many wetlands left. Pest control and environmental restoration are important for biodiversity outcomes. Community climate action is important to engage the public in climate a

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce salaries of the top tier employees. If you halve Wayne Brown's salary you can save \$150 k a year!

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? I believe all areas of Auckland should have food waste collection, and this is very important for reducing our methane emissions from landfill. I think it is disappointing that the Auckland Council is going to reduce funding to bus services from the CATR

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Climate change is here now!! Please don't reduce funding for emissions reduction activities such as public transport. We need to reduce our emissions right now to stay within a 1.5C increase. To go ahead with these cuts would contradict what is set out in

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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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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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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: Increase rates proportional to inflation.

Do NOT reduce any funding for CAB, for many it's their only source of advice.

Do NOT reduce funding for transport, we already have a congestion crisis due to Kiwi Rail doing the rail upgrades and the crippling shortage of bus drivers. If you've driven in the city recently during rush hour you'll appreciate why this is a problem.

Do NOT reduce funding to social services, especially youth services. We have a large cohort of youths with social issues due to poor parenting, lack of community support, fear of repercussions should the public intervene and lenient sentencing for severe crime. If as a community we can engage with youths before poor behaviour is entrenched, we stand a chance to prevent this behaviour and improve their outlook, but this can't be done without funding and dedicated staff. Ignoring the need to put funds into youth will result in higher societal costs, such as welfare and the penal system in 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? Other

Tell us why: It's imperative to retain the minimal blocking stake such that you can act in the best interest of the community surrounding the airport and the wider economic area. You ought to also be careful to ensure that retaining the minimal blocking stake of 10% c

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Debt is an awful way to fund any social service. It ought only be used for capital expenses where the return on investment outstrips the cost of servicing the debt.

If we're operating at a deficit and previous councils have been borrowing to plug the gap

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 will become an increasing issue in years to come due to climate change. Allocating funds to deal with the future threat is wise.

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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?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Environmental volunteers in local parks, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

This budget appears to be picking on all community/ cultural/ environmental services. Given the experiences of the past 3 years I believe communities need greater support here rather than less. I personally would rather contribute more in rates than see t

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: It is irresponsible to try to cut any of these programmes or services. Many of us work in Arts sectors and rely on funding to be employed. We need affordable and accessible public transport to get to work and meet our obligations as community members. We need childhood education services to be able to work and still raise children. We need to invest in ending homelessness that disproportionately affects already marginalised and structurally oppressed people. Reducing spending/saving for a future is meaningless when we forego the health of people in the present.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares means the asset is gone for good - this doesn't seem like a great idea.

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: Investment is important to creating a healthier and more stable future - it is more expensive for everyone to not invest in sound public services and infrastructure. More use of debt and higher rates are both necessary to ensure our communities are well.

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Climate change is here and affecting our city dramatically - we cannot afford to wait to sort these issues out later - they are happening right now. The cost of the damage from flooding is too great and it will happen more frequently due to climate change

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We need robust infrastructure that is conscious of climate change. We need to support people into stable housing, especially Māori and LGBTQIA+ people. We need to understand the value of the Arts sector as a place of community, belonging, social support,

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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,

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.

Many of the activities that this funding supports is what makes Auckland a great place to live as well as keeps the city relevant in the world view. Without it we risk becoming a backwater provincial town that has no heart and soul.

The past 3 years have been difficult on the city and in particular the Central City. It is just starting to come back and as a Central City dweller I can see and feel the changes happening everyday. We cannot rely on the private sector to continue this growth, council investment is needed to ensure the city recovers strongly, becomes a city young people want to stay in and develop their careers and a city we can all be proud of.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue, including revenue for the Council.

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Tell us why: It seems short sighted to me to sell an asset that has the potential to return strong dividends to the Council as majority owner in the coming years. As Tourism returns to NZ so does the turnover of the AKL Airport.

Please look at other assets that can b

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Identify additional no / low mow areas in parks and reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: The recent flooding events in Auckland showed that the Climate Crisis is happening now and is impacting all Aucklanders directly. If funding is to be reduced then the available funds must go towards supporting climate action and other sustainability initiatives

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: "There are several reductions that I believe fall into the category of "short term gain for long-term pain". These are:

- "maintaining the current transport reductions"—transport funding should be increased! The loss of faith in these services due to cancellations may further destabilize and degrade vital services for all Aucklanders, with outsized impacts on our elderly, our young people, and vulnerable community members, as well as working against our climate change goals and failing to tackle the congestion of our roads that hurts tradies and people who must drive for work;
- Citizen's Advice Bureau—removing funding to the CAB risks their complete shut down in Auckland. The CABs provide important resources, many of which relate to council core business and help prevent the escalation of issues like disputes between neighbours. A study on the use of CAB identified many neighbourhood problems being supported. "Neighbourhood problems involved things like boundary fences, drainage, trees, dogs (also pigs, bees, cats – you name it!), and noise. Problems of this nature are only set to increase in the aftermath of the floods, which will likely generate queries about drainage, washed-away fences, and dumped flood-damaged property. Our study also found that the council itself refers people to the CAB for help." Source: <https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/13-02-2023/what-citizens-advice-bureau-does-for-auckland-and-why-its-worth-saving> Study: <https://ourarchive.otago.ac.nz/handle/10523/14116>

- Library funding. In the recent floods, civil defence stations were being staffed by redeployed library staff, including librarians. Libraries provide a safe 'third place' for many people, with key access to knowledge and resources. Reducing hours and other offerings will risk damaging our communities and reducing a staff team that is an important community resource day-to-day and in emergencies. Suggestions made about replacing some of these roles with volunteers were insulting and showed a poor understanding of this key resource.

- Reducing funding for Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and local boards: Community events and arts and culture are key parts of building community cohesion and resilience. They are also part of what attracts people to a city and thus supports its ratepayer base.

Generally, I think it would be better NOT to have most or all of the proposed reductions. I would prefer to see the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates 'unfrozen' and maintenance of the general rates package. The current framing of borrowing is not appropriately strategic for a large council like ours—this isn't home economics. With the excellent credit score the Council has, we should be strategic about our borrowing and consider this in conjunction with the targetted rates mentioned above and a request for central government support.

I am also supportive of an increase in general rates, if deployed thoughtfully in the wake of the floods and lift in parking charges as alternative funding mechanisms as long as it is associated with investment in public transport reliability.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I urge the Auckland Council to reconsider their proposed sale of the airport shares. This decision will have severe and irreversible consequences that will negatively impact our community in the long term.

Yes, selling the shares will generate a significant

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: 1. Unfreeze the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate. These changes will generate much-needed revenue and help avoid proposed cuts. Unfreezing these rates is estimated to raise over \$50 million in annual revenues, which is

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: When we purchased our current home last year, we could use up-to-date floodplain information to inform our choice. Many homes, even those bought in just the last decade, didn't have accurate info and were severely impacted by recent floods. Aucklanders an

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Tell us why these are most important to you: This is very hard to pick. Short term, the library and climate work has to continue, but I feel all of these areas are really important priorities for our board.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Ultimately, I think the savings local boards are being forced to try to find are misguided. Rates and borrowing should be approached more strategically. Community grants and supports for the arts create a more resilient, vibrant and connected community,

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What do you think of these proposals? I would like to see the food scraps service extended further throughout Auckland. I have lived in another city overseas that has a scraps initiative implemented widely and very effectively and it was a very important way for us to reduce our waste going t

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I want to live in a city that takes appropriate climate action and makes it easy for its residents to take positive action with a frequent and reliable public transportation service (like other world-class cities have,) waste management and reduction, esp

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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: Council should both set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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: it is important for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events. Personal stories about how the flooding has affected you and your community are highly valuable

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?) 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: ALL of them are important, shouldn't have to just choose three.

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?

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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Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, 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:

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? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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 these cuts. I have run a small creative business in central Auckland for the past 10 years and know these cuts will directly impact negatively on my business. I have experienced that when Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. I am proud of the services our city currently provides and actively use them with my family. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life.

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 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 so important that we do not pause on this! The recent flooding directly impacted my business, both by loss of equipment and materials and by loss of revenue. To not proceed now will only cost us more in the long run.

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. 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 co

If funding for local board 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: We have experienced first hand from the recent weather events that it's time to get our shit together.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Stop weed spraying. Reduce mowing parks. Stop buying expensive parking warden cars.

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available.

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:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I love this city and am so hopeful that it can be a great city if we keep investing in it. Stop the cuts and please keep the life in our 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: I do not want the Council to proceed with any of these cuts. Cuts to any of these services would greatly impact lesser resourced parts of the city far more than those parts of the city who are more resourced. It is these sort of services that make living in Auckland so wonderful.

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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 proposed sale of these shares is like selling the family silver at a time when tourism is bouncing back strongly. I believe that these shares should be retained to provide a sustainable dividend into the future, and to ensure that the Council continue

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: There is only one real option here and that is to increase general rates to all ratepayers, and make greater use of debt which is very available to the Council at historically low interest rates. This is an unusual situation that we face as a city coming

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 ever there was a time to keep maintenance up on the stormwater network then surely this is it right now. The lessons from 27 January are still very raw within the community.

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?** Other

Tell us why: I oppose cuts to any of these very important community services.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours, Local community grants fund, Community climate action and sustainability activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are some of the very important things that communities rely on for social cohesiveness, and in addition climate action work is critically important in a time of climate emergency such as we are currently in.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Mowing service levels on reserves, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks, Community leasing charges

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support cuts to any of these very important community initiatives.

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you
1 = most important, 5 = least important)

Rank	Proposed Priorities
4	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
3	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
2	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
5	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
1	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Library opening hours and services, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are some of the very important things that communities rely on for social cohesiveness, and in addition climate action work is critically important in a time of climate emergency such as we are currently in.

Waitematā Local Board

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? I believe that food waste collections should be extended to all residential properties across the city, and I strongly oppose changes being made to the Climate Action Targeted rate. This is a time to increase bus services, and investment in walking and c

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 cuts as proposed would gut the city of much of the very special characteristics that make it such a wonderful place to live. I submit here not just as a resident but also as an owner of commercial property. At a time of unprecedented impact from the C

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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: 1. Let me start by reminding Auckland Council of your binding responsibilities to promote the four well-beings of social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present AND in the future, empowered by s10 of the Local Government Act 2002 (The Act).

2. The act outlines the purpose of local government and the role and powers of local authorities, including the Super City. I have no doubt that as players in our legal system responsible for decision making of such a large scale, you are all familiar with the law that governs your roles and how you use your powers.

3. Given the monumental community response and the proposals themselves going ahead with some of what you propose would be illegal given your core purposes of:

- a) promoting the 4 well-beings (social, economic, environmental, and cultural) for present and future communities, and
- b) enabling democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities.

4. As well as your obligations above, another underlying objective of Local Government Act 2002 and related legislation, is to enhance Māori participation in Local Government processes as well as bring Māori sensibilities and concerns (Treaty, the rohe and community) into consideration, as a substantive element in local government decision-making.

5. The points above underpin my reasons for vehemently opposing some of the proposals your entity has made.

4. One statement in this "Have your Say" feedback that is particularly in tension with the purposes of Auckland Council is:

"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"

5. There is no hidden meaning to the words you've used in this statement. You are proposing to cut funding from areas of well-being you are mandated to protect and promote for current and future communities.

6. Cutting funding from these programmes directly conflicts with the role of local authority stated in section 11 of the The Act, being:

"give effect, in relation to its district or region, to the purpose of local government" - being the 4 well-beings for past and present communities you serve.

7. For example, taking from community empowerment, youth centres, social services, arts and culture programmes is doing the exact opposite to what the law empowers you to do.

8. Promoting well-being of the communities you have accepted to serve by investing in these areas is what your role is.

8. To break this down even further, Maori are disproportionately presenting as homeless. They are known as tangata whenua or people of the land. In Maoridom, the well-being of the people is reflected in the state of environment and vice versa. Maori culture is considered important by Council when it can be exploited for increased "mana" of the council, but are Maori issues must also be addressed when holistically assessing promoting Maori culture. Furthermore, homelessness is a social and economic issue. No one in the super city benefits from homelessness. Not the retailer complaining, not the passerby, not the exhausted and under-resourced volunteer who has probably come from severe poverty themselves and wants to give back, and certainly not any person suffering from being unhoused. T

9. To remove support for homelessness funding is a direct breach of the principles of the Act for the following reasons:

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c) homelessness is also an environmental and economic issue as it affects the surrounds of our rough sleepers for many reasons which I will not type.

10. I gather none of you have experienced of you have experienced homelessness. This does not mean the unhoused and the additional communities affected by homelessness are less worthy of investments, by comparison with say golfers.

11. Give us the resources, and in partnership with Kahui te kaha, the community groups you wish to take from will reduce homelessness in our city dramatically. ACM and Lifewise structures and wrap around services are phenomenal, but they do not work for everyone.

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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: Set a higher rates rate AND make greater use of debt.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why: This council is not in a position to make decisions about the storm response as you've showed the entire world. Get the big guns in to assess and keep us safe following their recommendations.

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Tell us why: My local board lacks diversity, and they only passionately serve the communities they identify with as a result. I've lost interest in following them as there is no sense of community in Orakei, just complaints about traffic.

If funding for local board 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, Active communities programme, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community is all that is important. The community response to the floods showed us what we are capable of when we mobilise ourselves. Empower us to do more by investing in us.

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? I don't know

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Cut the programmes at EMC and you'll see an increase in crime

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We need to increase public transport services, it is a travesty to maintain reduced numbers in a climate crisis where we need to do everything we can to support modal shift.

Cultural hubs are vital to a vibrant healthy city - for learning, celebrating diversity, and developing the arts. They are the life blood of our cities and community life. We need artists, and cutting all this means our artist will suffer and society suffers from lack of engaging in creative expression.

How can you even consider 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 youth centres - these are our people, and these services are not "costs to cut back on".

The community work that the local boards fund is so valuable for community activation and development, and doing the necessary environmental work to increase climate resiliency. We cannot afford cuts in these areas.

How can you cut early childhood education services?

I am appalled at what is being proposed, absolutely devastating, and harmful to our future. Incredibly shortsighted.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: You could unfreeze the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate. This would raise approximately \$50 million.

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We need to create sponge cities.

We need to be funding local boards to be able to do the work required to create climate resilient districts across that city - this work requ

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Tell us why these are most important to you: How can you even ask us to choose between these? These are all crucial, and to pit them against each other is so unethical. Just terrible.

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What do you think of these proposals? Could add tourist charges to raise money.

We have to increase bus services, not decrease them. We need to transform our transport systems.

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Everyone I talk to in the community space is very worried.

We have the opportunity to invest in our city, make it climate resilient, thriving for all our citizens, alive with arts and culture, and th

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Other

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Tell us why: The sale of shares like this is a one-off return. All future earning possibility is lost once the asset is gone. Facilities such as airports should not be privatised as they are strategic assets in times of crisis e.g. future climate and other emergencies

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Tell us why: It is imperative to drive up investment in our aging and failing infrastructure to help mitigate the effects of extreme weather events in our city. In our home we were fortunate in the recent floods and the cyclone, however we did lose some mature trees

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Tell us why: I support all of the environmental priorities listed regarding water quality, stream restoration, planting, community connection and biodiversity. To me these are the essentials as we are facing climate change. We need to be a strong, resilient and prepar

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

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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 prefer an increase in rates and no service cuts. However if service cuts must be made then cuts to public transport, homeless support, and community education should be avoided at all costs. Rates increases predominately affect people who own some assets, who are best placed to weather a temporary setback. Cuts to public transport, education, and social welfare affect those who are least resilient.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less

towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The airport is a vital part of the city's infrastructure and so the city should maintain some ownership. The appropriate proportion of that ownership is up for debate.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: As mentioned, rates increases predominately affect people who own some assets, who are best placed to weather a temporary setback.

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: This kind of infrastructure is the core business of local government and must be funded appropriately.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries with comprehensive opening hours are important resources for disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The proper maintenance of waterways is important for mitigating the affects of extreme weather events like we have had recently.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? It's difficult for the layperson to know what is funded out of local board 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:

- 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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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: These services are not just about cost, they are about helping those less fortunate, and those on the margins of our community. Our regional services help many, many people to feel like Auckland is their home. The same for local board funded activities, and early childhood education services. As a city we can and should maintain these services in a time of a cost of living crisis. Reducing them will increase inequity.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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 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: I am concerned that the proposed cuts would be detrimental to many of the things I value about living in Auckland, and that foster pride and community building in our city, and services which help our residents feel supported and. I strongly oppose cuts to Arts and culture programmes, especially Proud centres and the decision to stop grant funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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: I believe that selling all or some of these shares now would be a short sighted decision. Especially because due to market factors, now is not a particularly astute time to be selling such finite assets. A hasty sale means we can not be used to leverage o

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

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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 strongly support Auckland Council increasing rates and/or taking on more debt, allowing much needed investment and preventing cuts to social services. I believe the p

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: Recent extreme weather events have highlighted how important it is for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure. I saw with my own eyes the results of decades of underinvestment in our critical infrastructure during the recent weather events. We need to

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: You acknowledge that community programmes and places help "build community resilience, connection and empowerment" yet you propose to cut \$840,000 from such programmes and place building in our local board area. I am particularly affronted by the reduction

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: I oppose the idea of cuts to all crucial public and community services, but these three provide vital work to make people feel welcome, accepted and supported in our community both now and in the futures.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I support the immediate removal of the Tram in Wynyard Quarter.

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? In regards to waste charging: I believe all areas should have food waste collection available

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Don't sell any shares. Instead increase rates and borrowing.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: increase rates and increase borrowing.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Need to plan for and fund future environmental events

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: increase rates and increase borrowing so that services to the Waitematā Local Board area are not 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: As per my previous answer ; increase rates and increase borrowing so that services to the Waitematā Local Board area are not reduced

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? NO

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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 mix of borrowing and rates increases.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Not funding community facilities nor supporting the arts is tantamount to cultural brainwashing. Not providing these facilities to the community or visitors at affordable prices means this city will quickly become a destination for nobody. Who wants to live or visit a city with no culture and shit PT.

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: Let's sell an asset that has been hammered by covid at its lowest value, then regret it 5 years down the track when the shares have tripled. If we own shares as a local council we need to actively manage the portfolio and spread the risk so we aren't in t

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local 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? Don't pay the mayor.
Could do it pro rata to show what a GC he is (unlikely though).

User pays moving forward for crl and any major infrastructure builds.

Targeted contributions from developers to physical and community infrastructure when developing ho

Whau 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 parks, community facilities, and sports and recreation programmes, Local arts and culture activities and programmes, Library opening hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Subsidised Chinese food in the council cafeteria so cllr Williams doesn't need to leave the building.

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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: The only reduction in funding I would support is withdrawal of council funding for early childhood centres but only in decile 8 and above areas. The money spent on the small numbers of families who have plenty of financial ability to source alternative child care would seem inappropriate. However, families in lower deciles may well depend on childcare so the adults can attend work - there is no point robbing Paul to pay Peter in this context.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: The case for delay in splitting residential from commercial rates has not been made.

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Education cannot be skimped on as it inevitably leads to social ills - education provides opportunity for economic betterment. Some of the most successful societies on the planet like Singapore or Japan are highly educated - they have commensurately low r

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?

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 with any of the proposed cuts. All of the operating costs listed are important for the people of Auckland.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is a backwards step to sell shares in Auckland International Airport. As tourism returns the shares will generate more interest and over time this will be a positive for Auckland.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Set rates at the level of inflation to collect more revenue.

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 all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Community facilities, services and activities, Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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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: The proposed reductions will seriously diminish the livability of the city, it's greatest asset.

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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 proposal is short sighted and robs future generations of this strategic asset. Auckland Council needs to have some control over how the airport develops given it's fundamental importance to the Auckland economy and the life of it's citizens. This rem

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set higher general rates and make greater use of debt.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: This needs to be done, given recent extreme weather events.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Council middle management

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I deeply oppose the proposed cuts to arts funding. The arts are the soul of a city, they are necessary for the city to thrive and be magnificent. They are worth paying for.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce funding to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. These keep our communities, creative sectors and tourism thriving - it is destructive to consider reducing supporting in these areas when we desperately need more support here.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Important to keep a stake in AIAP in local council.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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?) 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: Facilitating libraries as safe and quiet places for people to retreat to, to study and learn is so important for our society. Especially juggling families and work, afterhours is key.

In regards to events and arts and culture programs, these bring our c

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce council and AT staff, investigate better ways to help staff work more efficiently to get things done.

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.	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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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- 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 value these services and programs.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Not a good time to sell shares. Better to ride it out.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set a higher 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: The recent weather events have demonstrated the urgent need to ensure our infrastructure is ready for climate change.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not want cuts to our local board services. I also want our local board to fight for our bike lanes to materialise.

If funding for local board 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 value all of the services provided by local boards- i oppose cuts to local board services.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes- council land preserved for golf courses. Is it being rented at a rate appropriate to its value? Should it be sold off or repurposed for housing?

Better investment in infrastructure (storm water, organic waste composting facilities) generally will gen

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What do you think of these proposals? I support investment in active transport (walking, cycling) and public transport. I highly value investment in climate action, biodiversity programs and waste minimisation. We can not afford to do less than what was originally planned in relation to add

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of them, particular local activities and culture, as well as engagement with local bodies

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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 dead wealth

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: We do not need to be so highly rated

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: Conserve wealth, don't be too reactive

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Don't need to redesign buildings, everything else is good

If funding for local board 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: All of them are

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Golf Courses, executive salaries

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? No

7. What else is important to you?

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. Take debt if it saves people. Sell to central government

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Do not cut funding to Arts, music and related community programmes, they are a lifeline for youth and adults alike. I will happily pay more rates to maintain arts and music in the community at a provider level. If you cut the funding and we lose Brass Ba

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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.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), 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: 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 Auc

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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Coun

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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: Auckland can't function successfully with the public transport services reduced as they are.

Council should definitely not reduce regional grants or 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? 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: Fabulous.

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I strongly support an increase in rates to increase Council revenue, especially given that Auckland's rates are relatively low in relation to other comparable cities, and also property is relatively untaxed. I also support an extension of debt through climate bonds to fund the electrification and expansion of public transport. Services like early childhood care, regional services and events, etc. are not merely a deadweight cost on Auckland, rather an investment in a lively city that people want to live and flourish in, all of which creates economic activity that the city benefits from. Rather than diminish Auckland's attractiveness as a place to live, work and invest, Auckland Council should take advantage of its high credit rating by issuing use-of-proceed bonds to achieve climate-aligned objectives and make investments now that generate future revenue and prosperity.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The Council ought to retain revenue opportunities.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I believe that we should both increase rates and use more debt. Debt should be issued as use-of-proceed bonds, such as climate bonds, which ensure that the debt is used for climate-aligned investments, such as low-carbon transport, low-carbon buildings and

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 is vital to invest in stormwater infrastructure in order to reduce the compounding effects of future extreme rain events, which are likely to become more frequent and intense due to global heating. A stitch in time saves nine – and an investment now in

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not support cuts to our local board. Waitemata board already faces a significant loss of investment because of Councillor Mike Lee's incomprehensible opposition to investments in road safety infrastructure, such as the Inner West Street Improvements.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals? The Climate Action Targeted Rate should be protected as a means to reducing future liabilities on Auckland Council as a result of maladaptation to climate change, or misalignment with the global transition to net-zero. By retaining a car-centric transport

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 ought to actively pursue other revenue generating activities, such as congestion charging, which will also have the advantage of cost-effectively supporting mode shift in our transport system.

Auckland Council needs to stop treating cli

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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: Projects should have a clear cost benefit proposal with projects needing to cross a defined hurdle rate before going ahead. Project sponsors should then be responsible for achieving and promoting the benefits that the project has achieved. A number of projects seem to 'do stuff' which is of questionable benefit to ratepayer or the public.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: I do not see how the shareholding benefits rate payers, so it should be sold.

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: Given that CCO have consistently received pay increases less than the rate of inflation over many years. Council should be explaining why the rates are consistently going up more than the rate of inflation.

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Tell us why: Ponsonby road has Western Park and a pocket park by Chapel. I fail to understand why a 3rd park is needed on Ponsonby Road, given the need for reduction in spend, this is a clear vanity project. Especially as there are other parks such as Tole St Park, a

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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? Local boards should not be competing against with other providers who have to subsidise the local boards events that directly compete against them, such as Movies in the Parks. Education is the responsibility of the Ministry of Education not Auckland Coun

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What do you think of these proposals? There are a number of other fees that Council should be increicharging, in particular, charging for road and footpath usage. Developers and Traffic Management team obstruct footpaths for months with no discernible action on a site and with no charge. Char

7. What else is important to you?

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't think we should proceed with any of the proposed reductions and we should increase rates and borrow more and service a higher debt.

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: AIAL, after Covid is expected to make a healthy dividend to council. To sell is a short term gain but forgoes later benefits and returns.

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: Council hasn't reached its debt ceiling. This would preserve much needed services.

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: My own experience with the recent storms directly points to more investment required required in management of storm water in particular.

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: 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), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

Tell us why these are most important to you: Community events and funding community centre programmes provide 'community' across the central city. There are few other activities that provide this that don't have a commercial focus.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Lease the carpark behind the old Leys Library.

Use the revenue from the resident parking systems to fund local community projects. Or a better idea is instead of having residents having to pay the parking fees, open the street parking to all comers at

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals? No

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Sell one of the golf courses for housing.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't believe the reductions will result in the desired outcome and will place undue pressure on organisations still in the recovery phase of covid. Reducing funding to the organisations listed does not simply result in the savings desired, the funding these organisations receive gets spend in the community resulting in not only employment but many small businesses who contract to each organisation.

In addition, reducing funding to the organisations/funding targeted will unquestionably have a detrimental affect on the lives of thousands of Aucklanders. These cuts will result in job loses, increased risk to our poorest communities and reduce the overall livability of the city as a whole.

Please do not make these cuts.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: I'm disappointed I can only select three. I have selected areas that I believe are important for job security but I also believe in increasing environmental activity.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell the golf courses. Increase rates. Pause on new capital builds.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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- 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: Absolutely foul of you to propose axeing homelessness funding. If all other funding were to be reduced and only one thing were to remain constant or even increased, it should have to be homelessness support.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, 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: I'm a working young musician who cares about environmental matters for the longevity of my life and career.

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 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 the proposed operating 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 current failure of public transport should not become the norm - it is needed now more than ever for people to have stability in their travel - how else will the rest of our infrastructure go back to normal, people don't all drive in this city, if the Public transport can't take them how will people get to work on time, it becomes a domino effect and everybody's wellbeing suffers for it. Auckland Unlimited provides vital funding for all kinds of culture in the city - cultural events that impact the well-being and social outcomes and affects the mental state of Aucklanders. Please don't take any more away from the already suffering arts and culture sector

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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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 exuberant salaries for elected members and high cost contractors

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Do not cut funding to arts and culture, and public services including transport, wastewater, and citizens advice bureau

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Do not reduce public transport hours!!

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No, no, no! This is an appalling suggestion. We need more and better public transport, not less! It needs higher frequency, lower fares, and more investment. My family and I either cycle or take public transport whenever possible, we'd love more options for this (routes, frequency). Getting our kids used to this way of life sets them up to live in a real, sustainable large city in the future. Auckland is so far behind global cities in this regard but it has been moving in the right direction and we need to keep going, NOT cut back. Reducing carbon emissions is essential, not optional, and funding for environmental sustainability initiatives needs to continue rather than be cut.

As for cutting funding to arts, community, environment and education programmes... this makes no sense at all. The region's initiatives in these areas contribute to the reason people want to live here, they promote inclusivity, and enhance resilience.

Services like CABs need more support, not less, since they are key for supporting vulnerable people. Particularly in the wake of the challenges thrown at this city and region by the weather in this year alone, let alone the fallout from the pandemic and the rising cost of living.

Economic austerity budgets, like the one proposed by the Auckland Council, have created significant social problems in societies overseas (see Mazzucato - "It costs more to pick up the mess later than to finance the good stuff").

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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 on earth would you sell when the market is low? This is a highly strategic asset - why sell at all? It's a short-term decision that leaves Auckland without any say in the country's most significant transport hub, internationally and domestically.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make GREATER use of debt. I support a general rates increase in the region of 13.5% (as discussed in Auckland Council's own assumptions and modelling, this is still well within 'affordable' boundaries).

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 flooding this year are absolutely going to come around again sooner than 100 years. You know they will. The climate is changing, it's not fiction. We need to budget for that and move strategically towards a sponge city and shift living spaces out of t

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Tell us why: Public spaces, aquatic facilities playgrounds and open spaces make a real difference to my quality of life and the things my young children get to do. We love to live local and the local board priorities are important to us.

If funding for local board 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 really important! Funding should not be cut!

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? Reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate is problematic. Those funds have huge public support for their planned use - improving and increasing services. I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

I am looking forward to the food scr

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The council must invest more, not less, in public transport, cycling and walking routes, spaces, infrastructure.

Social services for the less vulnerable in our city are absolutely crucial now more than ever and must not have their funding reduced.

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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 any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The people most affected by the implied staff reductions are typically in the lower income band which more than likely will affect Pacific and Maori council workers.

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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: Selling would be selling out the voice of the people of Auckland.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Seems a more sustainable longer term approach.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: The Recent environmental event was a nation wide event. Any conversations around funding should include central government. The response should be led from central government via the minister for Auckland

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: Each of the priorities contribute to the well being of people in the 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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you: All three services have the future in them. The protection and restoration of water ways for example would contribute to the overall management flood relief over time.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Some other areas include the councils administration.

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).	Do not support
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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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

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **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? 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

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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:

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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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Your local board: Waitematā

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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 would not proceed with any of the following reductions:

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

Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million

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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares at a low point in the market makes no sense. In the future, we want to see this asset available to 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.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Investing in stormwater infrastructure is vital in light of recent events.

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Music is a fantastic way of increasing community resilience and connection, helping people feel welcome, safe and supported. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Sports and activities in parks

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism
- * Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

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- * Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Arts / community programmes and services, Funding support for youth activities

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?)

Franklin Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

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- * Reduced Tourism
- * Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Arts and culture programmes, Recreation programmes in our parks

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

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 do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Music is a fantastic way of strengthening social resilience and connection and offers opportunities for intercultural participation. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Music is a fantastic way of assisting youth by encouraging connections, collaborations, and resilience. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism
- * Har

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding for arts centres and partners, Community programme delivery, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism
- * Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community facilities and services, Arts and culture initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Kaipātiki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

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If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding arts and culture groups, Local community events, Youth programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

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?):

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: We support music activities that showcase local culture and talents into career pathways. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism
- * Harm to our culture

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

Rank	Proposed Priorities
0	Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers
0	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
1	Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
0	Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
0	Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks, ANZAC and local civic events, Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Arts and culture programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm?

Manurewa Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Music is a fantastic way of showcasing and celebrate Māori culture, aspirations, stories and identity - and delivering more social and recreational activities that connect people across generations and cultures. But the overall priorities overlook the impact

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Reduction in service levels for community centres and arts centres (Nathan Homestead), Potential closure of local facilities, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

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: Music is a fantastic way of bringing our growing neighbourhoods together and ensuring people have access to recreation and wellbeing options. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

* Fewer music events

* Job a

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Local community events, Council-led community programming e.g. Out and About activations in parks

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Encouraging Council to consider a different mix of financial levers other than decimating community investment (such as targeted rates increases, borrowing and/or asset sales) and prepare a revised budget.

Ōrākei Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: We encourage investigation into the potential for targeted rates and other sources of funding. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

* Fewer music events

* Job and income loss

* Reduced Tourism

* Harm to our

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Arts and culture programmes, Community and art centre service levels

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? Do not support

Tell us why: We do not support any reduction in arts and culture programming or events.

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

* Fewer music events

* Job and income loss

* Reduced Tourism

* Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you
1 = most important, 5 = least important)

Rank	Proposed Priorities
0	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
0	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
0	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
0	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
0	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks, ANZAC and local civic events, Arts and culture programme, Parks activations and programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Music should play a significant role in free large community events supporting greater community cohesion after the COVID-19 lockdowns over recent years. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

* Fewer music ev

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Arts and culture facilities and programmes, Parks activations

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Puketāpapa Local Board

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Tell us why: Music should play a significant role using parks and buildings effectively, by providing programmes and service and in continuing to support community resilience. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

* Fewer

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Arts e.g. Pah Homestead art gallery, Activities in parks and parks planning

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Rodney Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism
- * Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Grants for community groups / organisations, Grants for art centres, Community centres programmes and subsidies for hall users

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Music should play a significant role in providing a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Touri

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Waiheke Local Board

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Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

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- * Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

If funding for local board 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, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

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 any priorities

Tell us why: These priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

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- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism
- * Harm to our cultural heritage and community well-being

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and culture facilities and events, Community facilities, services and activities, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

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: Music should play a significant role in supporting community connection, safety, wellbeing, and empowerment. But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism

If funding for local board 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 are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Encouraging Council to consider a different mix of financial levers other than decimating community investment (such as targeted rates increases, borrowing and/or asset sales) and prepare a revised budget.

Whau Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: Music should play a significant role in engaging with hard to reach communities But the overall priorities overlook the impact of proposed cuts, which will lead to:

- * Fewer music events
- * Job and income loss
- * Reduced Tourism

* Harm to our cultural herita

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local parks, community facilities, and sports and recreation programmes, Local arts and culture activities and programmes, Local community events

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are key music-related opportunities for participation, employment and cultural wellbeing as advocated for in our submission.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

As a representative music organisation, 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 aspiration

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- 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: Art gallery and arts and culture because these are vitally important to the city and need \$ invested. Those who choose to have children should pay for them ie zoo and early childhood etc

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: I can accept a part sale.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Higher rates and increased 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

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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, 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.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Citizens Advice Bureau Ponsonby/Grey Lynn

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: Many of these cuts would leave the most vulnerable to fund for themselves and should be opposed on that basis, but as the manager of the Ponsonby/Grey Lynn CAB I want to speak to cutting funding to CABs in particular.

The proposed cuts would result in the closure of CAB in Auckland, causing a significant loss to the communities across Tāmaki Makaurau.

As a free, independent service with 32 sites across Auckland, CAB is able to meet community needs that Auckland Council and others cannot. It is a universal service, accessible face-to-face, by phone, and online, which allows volunteers to provide a level of empathy, impartiality, and anonymity that can be hard to find elsewhere. CAB is often the first port of call and is where Council and others send people when they don't have answers or time to help. CAB is an essential service, which has been operating in Auckland for over 50 years, and it is staffed by over 900 fully-trained volunteers who provide free help to anyone to navigate their issues and problems and understand their options.

The proposed cuts to the CAB funding are inconsistent with Auckland Council's role in promoting community well-being. The Local Government Act places responsibility on Auckland Council for the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of local communities. This has been reflected in the Council's Thriving Communities Strategy - Ngā

Hapori Momoho 2022-2032. Funding the CAB is an effective way for Council to meet its goals. The CAB has a key role to play in ensuring people are connected to the information, advice, support, and services they need to navigate life's problems and challenges - which, for many, are increasing and becoming more complex. At the Grey Lynn / Ponsonby branch alone we have helped over 2,200 people over the last year, with an additional almost 600 utilizing our clinics (JPs, budget advice, family law and legal advice). Some of the most common questions revolve around rental housing, conditions of work, and financial difficulties.

Auckland CABs are lean and cost-effective, with a high return on investment. They receive around \$2m in Council funding each year, which provides the staff support, overhead costs, and local infrastructure to support 900 highly-trained volunteers to deliver the CAB service. Last year Auckland CABs helped over 163,000 people, and CAB provides a significant return on investment for its funding. ImpactLab measured the social good of assistance provided by CAB North Shore for clients with relationship issues. It found that it delivered measurable social good, equating to \$13.20 for every \$1 spent on the service. Annually, \$2m funding gives a potential return of \$26.4m.

Lastly, it's worth noting that central government funding supports all Auckland CABs through its funding of CABNZ, the national body of CAB. Central government funding enables the underlying infrastructure, including the IT system, intranet, and knowledge base, that all volunteers in Auckland use to deliver the CAB service. These are significant essential costs that Auckland Council does not have to cover.

In conclusion, I urge the Auckland Council to continue funding Auckland CABs and reject the proposed cuts. CAB is an essential service that meets the needs of a diverse range of people in Auckland, and it plays a key role in promoting community well-being.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It seems like a bad time to be selling shares.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make more use of debt.

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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 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 regional contestable grants.

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

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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:

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: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Coun

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Maintain funding to Local boards who fund targeted programmes and Libraries. Maintain regional community services such homeless funding which support those in our communities who need us most.

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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: Keep all AIAL shares do not sell as it is a short term monetary gain. As a city we are still feeling the impact of COVID with airport closures around the world. We do not want to lose this ownership and have no control an asset that is the gateway to t

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: No this is unacceptable. No to rates increase you are forcing ordinary people out of their neighbours and their family homes. Look instead at the council departments that have external consultants and are paying high fees. Look at the budgets of council

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: These storms and flooding should have been factored into council infrastructure planning. You should have had a robust building consent process and kept to your policy and rules around in fill housing. Where are the permeable surfaces? It was obvious looki

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?) Library hours and services, Youth programmes, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: I care about the environment. I support libraries and the programmes, activities that are for all sectors of the community. I love my library. It is important to care for rangitahi in our community.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Funding arts and culture groups, Community leasing charges, Local business support

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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: I do not agree with any of the proposed cost reductions. In particular, I am concerned about reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, reducing local board funded activities, reducing regional contestable grants, and maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services.

Arts and culture make up the lifeblood and vibrancy of this city. It benefits everyone- businesses see an increase in profit due to arts and cultural events on in their areas, more jobs are created and communities get to come together, which in turn improves peoples' wellbeing. Taking away all of the funding for arts and culture will severely impact the arts and culture sectors and adversely effect communities across the city.

On a personal level, I will be deeply impacted by many of these cost reductions. I am a writer, director, and actor in the arts industry. As an emerging practitioner, it is already challenging enough to find opportunities or funding to create my work. With these proposed cost reductions, I will struggle even more to find ways to make art and a livelihood. I know many of my peers in the industry feel the same.

On the other hand, maintaining the reduced number of public transport services will have a detrimental impact on my life. I rely almost solely on public transport to commute. Currently, these reduced services have made it nearly impossible to

get anywhere in an easy manner. It is always a struggle. So, if the current reduced number of public transport services remains, I will continue to struggle on a daily basis. Also, in the face of climate change, we should be investing more in public transport, not less.

These elements of life in Auckland aren't option, nice-to-have things that can be taken away and everything will be okay. This will devastate communities and the city itself.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is not a good time to be selling off our shares. Once they are gone, the Council can not use them to their benefit.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Set a higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt. An increase of 13% for rates still falls under what the Council calls 'affordable' and would pay for the 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: Climate change is on our doorstep and we must do everything we can to prepare the city for it. Any and all infrastructure upgrades and investments must be made to prevent the worst impacts of climate change. I saw how bad the Auckland flooding earlier thi

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Tell us why: These are good areas to focus on for the local board. It balances a good mixture of environmental efforts as well as a focus on connecting people in the community.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Arts and community programmes and funding are very important for the local community. It's good for the economy and for the prosperity of the people in the community. Also, action must be taken on a local level to combat climate change so I support any en

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What do you think of these proposals? For the waste management rates changes- everyone in all areas should have access to food waste collection.

For the CATR rate changes- I have concerns about this. I rely almost solely on public transport, walking and cycling. That is why the CATR must con

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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: Rates should be increased to cover the current shortfall. Aucklanders understand we are in extraordinary circumstances and that everyone needs to pitch in. Reducing services is damaging to our city, especially when experienced staff are lost as part of that.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: In addition, look at biasing rates towards land values rather than improvements values to incentivise more productive use of land.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I would like no operational funding reductions. Costs should be met through increased rates, debt (an appropriate way to fund initiatives with multi-year benefits), and a significant expansion of parking compliance officers. Potential revenue from parking infringements is being ignored.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Costs should be met through increased rates, debt (an appropriate way to fund initiatives with multi-year benefits), and a significant expansion of parking compliance officers. Potential revenue from parking infringements is being ignored.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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, 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: They're all important. Do it all, you're actively harming those with the fewest alternative options by cutting social services, and environmental initiatives are crucial for climate resilience

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I reject the plan to reduce bus services; services must be restored to pre-covid levels as fast as staffing constraints allow

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't support the proposed spending reductions. The reduction in funding will have a long term negative impact on community well-being, safety and resilience and does not respond to the climate emergency. I support unfreezing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increasing borrowing, and increasing general rates at least to the rate of inflation (rather than the proposed 4.66% increase). Please consider alternative sources of funding such as increasing on street parking charges and the introduction of charges at Park & Rides. Strongly oppose proposals to permanently cancel many hundreds of buses a week and the proposal to increase the costs of public transport fares. Public transport free, if not for all, at least for all on benefits. Strongly oppose cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's facilities and services: the Auckland Art Gallery, the ZOO, the Maritime Museum; Auckland Live; the Bruce Mason Centre and the Stadiums. Do not support the proposed cuts to funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services; the cuts to Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs), or the proposal to halve Local Board discretionary spending which may result in cuts to library hours, grants, events, environmental projects, Movies in Parks, Anzac Day services, community gardens support, youth funding and much more.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Support keeping our current airport shareholding because once gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council. Prior to covid the airport shares generated a \$60m dividend for Council which is why the shares are so

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Support council setting a higher general rates increase AND making greater use of debt.

Council should set rates at least at the rate of inflation (8 -9 % rather than the proposed 4.66%) Auckland rates are low compared with other metropolitan centres.

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4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Support the importance of investing in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

In addition, Council's ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impacts will be greatly enhanced by ensuring all

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These services are important for local 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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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 should strongly commit to social and community support programmes, including library, community arts. Public transport needs to be a priority.

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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 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 reductions. I think transport, and arts are already not funded well, hence why a lot of them don't work well. Putting more funding into these issues, will only help them get better in the future. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. The people of Auckland need to be able to get around efficiently, and express themselves, and experience culture, it is part of what makes living in this city worth it, and enjoyable. If you take that away, what's the reason, and would you be willing to deal with the negative impact that would have on the city as a whole?

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. Please do not reduce these costs!!!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I think after this last storm we can all see that the way in which a lot of the city is built is not effective for water damage or flooding. I truly believe we should be working to restore natural water ways and wetlands so that if and when a storm happen

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not however support the cutting of Arts and Culture as I feel in our area we have many galleries, and art practices. If we cut funding for those, we lose a lot of business for locals, and the community will suffer in turn.

If funding for local board 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: Having access to information, art and culture, and a sustainable environment with as little foreign pests (rats etc.) I think is very important to the area. If we lose that we will lose a lot of what makes this city special. We do not need more fancy build

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I don't believe the council should cut funding to public transport and some community funded activities such as those fighting homelessness, or to the Citizens Advice Bureaus

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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: I don't think the time is right to be selling shares in an asset. AIAL is a significant piece of infrastructure that will continue to be a steady source on income for the council. If AC wants to sell shares then they should at least wait until travel retu

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? Other

Tell us why: Keep rates increase as proposed and increase debt ceiling to fill shortfall.

COVID recovery has been a significant drain on the economy and recovery is a long road. Using a higher debt ceiling is acceptable in these extreme circumstances while the economy

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We need to the increase in the operating budget to allow for the continued upgrade of infrastructure and the support and repair provided by the response. Both need to happen in tandem.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, 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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The inner city golf courses pay a pittance in their leases, for some of the most valuable land in New Zealand. How much do their leases increase each year while rates increase? Do they pay their fair share towards the growth of our city? Its an extreme ov

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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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: No increase in rates and no reduction to environmental spending. Instead address the inefficiencies of council operating processes and systems which unnecessarily drain public money.

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 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: I believe Auckland council needs to retain a shareholding in Auckland 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: Do not increase rates and rather than increase debt address council operations where money is wasted without adding any value

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: This should be integrated into BAU council budget. Focus on improving council's operational efficiency and continue to invest in environmental initiatives

5. Local Boards

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why: Council should be primarily focussed on delivering primary services and investing in protecting and enhancing our built and natural environment.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation programmes including construction waste coordination

Tell us why these are most important to you: See above

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Environmental investment is paramount.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Look inward. Since the super city was created council has become more costly and less effective / efficient. Address internal dysfunction and financial waste

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
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What do you think of these proposals?

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

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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: Leave public transport alone, you'll lose money for businesses and make NZ less attractive for tourists and international students if you even further reduce public transport. With all these changes many highly skilled professionals moving back to Europe.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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: Be creative about your revenues - charge more for golf courses (our family would pay), parking tickets enforcement, congestion charges.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Environmental volunteers in local parks, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

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? Increase revenues by enforcing parking

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? Very disingenuously written questions to trick people... especially the ones about bus 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?

Better public transport and cycle ways. Also do something with homelessness and meth in the city...there needs to be police presence

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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: short term gains from reduced services, will have long term effects that are not clearly articulated or understood. In the midst of recovering from environmental effects, maintaining a reduced public transport system is ludicrous and counter intuitive.

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Tell us why: Selling all shares reduces any influence the Council has on one of the main economic revenues for the region. Tourism plays a vital role in our economy. Secondly, when travel returns to some normality, the dividends will return and further supplement the

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: The cost of living for those earning the minimum wage is unattainable, rates increase would see the cost-of-living increase through not only the place where people reside but also rise in costs of general goods and services, which in turn has systemic soc

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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: Current design and policy standards are to design for those 1 in 100-year events and should be suitable to understand implications. Lessons learned from the current situation should be better understood, removing the blame game to actual outcomes, not nec

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you:**Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?****6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges**

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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

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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.

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: 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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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

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: 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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What do you think of these proposals?

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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, community services, and the environment. Investing into our city will bring revenue back! Spend the money to improve our public transport - by doing this you'll encourage

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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: higher general rates increase and make greater use of debt would better suit the growth needed

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Tell us why:

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Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Please massively support public transport. The city is choking under traffic and any travel to and from the north shore is a nightmare in traffic. Options are terribly unreliable.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: A supposedly "metropolitan" city or one that aims to be, with a significantly reduced culture program and public transportation network is shooting one in the foot. Do we want increased car traffic in a city with already worst traffic levels in southern hemisphere behind Sydney? Option could be encouragement of working from home but how does that help "mum and dad" businesses in the city with their little cafes and other business reliant on city workers. Reduction in youth centres and homelessness programs, whats the alternative - increase in spending by private businesses forking out more money in security systems. We do not have much available for youth and turn on the news its not hard to see where undirected youth go. Yes this is a holistic viewpoint, but i much rather spend my rates on things that brighten the city, enhance the city and save the city, rather than saving a few pennies in the short term. Auckland Council own 13 golf courses with an estimated combined value of 2.9 Billion (as per one of your policy draft), what value to most Aucklanders does a golf course have - sell those.

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Tell us why: Again short term strategy will shoot Auckland in the foot - once we sell its gone. Market could be at low point currently but what happens when it's not. Rather you sell a golf course or two or 13. At least the land could be repurposed into development, p

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Tell us why: Bite the bullet - higher general rates and greater use of debt. It is not a popular thought given our current economy issues. But how are we to make money long term, are we always going to stick to no frills shopping list.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: I have lived in Ponsonby for 20 years . Every heavy rain fall, my street's storm drains block and massive puddles form. When the January storm hit I had never seen so much flooding on my street. A Ute was stuck outside my property that is how bad it was i

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not want any reduction in cultural, social funding as per the survey's first question (Operating spending reductions). All these priorities i support. But I have no issue if the Leys building project could be put on Ice. No impact to staffing and the

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I'm in favour for community programmes that engage at risk youth. If i was allowed a forth option i would have included libraries open 7 days a week. Libraries, like it or not, are safe spaces for all people.

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Tell us why: I can understand why it would be attractive to sell shares in AIAL, however this seems a bit like short term gain and a longer term loss. Therefore it might be a better solution for a partial sale with retention of some of the shareholding so that this pr

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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: While this is at odds with what I have written elsewhere, I do not consider it is appropriate to be overly fixated on debt reduction at all costs when the cost of living is rising and there is potential economic insecurity. Furthermore many in our city de

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: There needs to be a greater focus on mitigation of climate events such as ensuring that provisions in plans, including zoning, reflects areas that are more vulnerable to increased climate events and avoid building in those areas and / or focus on managed

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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: Environmental enhancement is critical to ensure supporting and sustaining life. Community centres provide places and programmes for local communities, which we can all benefit from. I would also support library opening hours and services, local grants, co

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Rather than larger bins, we ought to be looking at waste reduction/waste minimisation and education around how to divert from landfill

I am a strong supporter of Arts and believe these should be funded by local as well as central government.

Our libraries

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support any of the proposed reductions, but particularly do not support maintaining the current reductions to public transport services, and the proposed cuts to arts and culture programmes.

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: I do not have a problem with selling a portion of shares, but Auckland Council should retain a portion of shares in this important asset. I would advocate that more than 10% of the shares are retained, so that if a capital raising takes place Auckland Cou

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: I prefer a higher rate take now with less debt for future generations to deal with down the track.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and

arts, Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemātā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: I support grants that support arts, culture and the community.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? I do not support reductions to Local Board budgets.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? The changes to the CATR bus service funding are sensible.

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

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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 of the above reductions, and, rather, free up the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Ratios, then increase borrowing and keep the general rates package. There needs to be central government support, and look at having new targeted rates and increase parking charges as an alternative funding system.

The cuts to the proposed budget are damaging to the fabric of our greater community, particularly for our communities and minority groups. The alarming need for Social Services, homelessness and community empowerment are areas that must have continued support in funding to enable a forward momentum of social progress and lifting of social and economic depravity. The number of displaced people on the streets of inner city is evident in the work that I carry out. The provision for basic health care, re-housing, food and shelter has reduced the number of people on the streets experiencing hopelessness, disconnection, and petty crime on our Central Business District as well as outer suburbs. The provision of food and basic health care packs have assisted in supporting vulnerable children, poverty stricken and low socio economic families who form part of our Auckland community. The proposed cut to regional events has a negative impact in several areas of our Health & Wellbeing: the provision for Homeless and other programmes enable cultural connection, interaction and better understanding of our citizens and community groups. The Homelessness Funding is critical to supporting people on the street with their basic needs, and drastically reducing petty

crime, hindrance to local businesses and harassment of the public. The proposed cut to services for homelessness is very concerning because it is a niche of the community that is dependent on community and social services and community connection, which is currently a successful model of delivery by the Tamaki ki te Tonga Maori Warden organisation, along with several other organisations. These services matter to me as I work within the inner city district where homelessness has had a measurable reduction in terms of meeting the basic health and social needs of these people, re-housing and also connecting them to services in the area. The cut to this service will mean a niche of people in the inner city without support and vulnerability in their health and wellbeing, a growing nuisance to local business, and inevitable time and cost to local enforcement agencies, legal entities and other punitive measures that will in fact increase the problem of Homelessness. I am Chief Executive of Tamaki ki te Tonga Māori Wardens who has seen the positive impact of homelessness services and programmes that have been built up over the years. The business partnerships and relationships within the inner city and outer limits has meant that petty crime is heavily reduced, safety and order prevails on the streets, and the needs of the Homelessness are met. This is met through the culturally responsive methods and actions of our organisation that has not been provided by others. The provision of food, shelter and connection to community services are a vital service to reduce disparity and disengagement from society. The positive impact that Māori Wardens have in the community with the Homeless and low socio-economic groups means that our businesses and general public are able to use and freely enjoy the inner city areas without fear or hostility. The connection and relationship that has been developed over the years with Maori Wardens has been crucial to the improved atmosphere in the city and surrounding areas. The cuts to Youth Centre funding will impact on the availability of positive and meaningful opportunities for Youth to engage and develop pathways toward long term employment, contribution and connection to the greater community. The service we provide to support inner city businesses and community organisations in emergency response initiatives have been heavily relied upon and requested throughout the Auckland region. Our organisation has spent a lot of community hours supporting and providing security, public support and vendor support with several events which include Polyfest, Matatini, Cultural Festivals, Youth Tournaments and Community Organisation Days. The Youth Centres have fed into several Initiatives we have supported, and I have seen first hand the long term pathways and potential so many young people have achieved within the Youth Centre programmes. The Academy pathways through several inner city and outer suburb organisations provide educational, health, social and cultural opportunities for these young people to thrive and become contributing citizens to their own communities.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The sale of shares like this ensures only a one-off return. There are irremediable consequences by selling what is left of the Auckland Council's airport shares. Initially the selling of the shares brings in a portion of revenue, all future revenue from

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: There is no need to pause two important targeted rates. The rate changes, which includes unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate will make much more revenue that is needed. This can help eliminate the proposed

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: The recent flood and extreme weather events have heavily impacted on our whanau in the Western districts and inner city districts where people have become displaced and without homes. This in turn has resulted in several families homeless. Our services

5. Local Boards

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: The provision of better quality facilities, parks and open spaces is a positive initiative, as population increase, coupled with the newly designed housing initiatives requires more outdoor facilities for families to spend time together and connect with

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

Rank	Proposed Priorities
5	Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers
3	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
4	Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
2	Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
1	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?) Grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Youth programmes, Arts and culture programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: These are most important within the role that I have as Chief Executive of Tamaki ki te Tonga Māori Wardens. These initiatives contribute greatly to the well being, betterment and potential of the community. These programmes enable connection, increased

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? Improved education programmes for emergency and extreme events.

Increased immediate relief support for families and citizens displaced and disconnected.

Further support for culturally responsive methods and actions for the people.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? The proposed changes that I have supported indicate the importance and critical service that is needed. As stated in previous questions, the slight increase of general rates could help alleviate the cuts/increases proposed here.

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 revenue generated by Auckland Council is largely funded by the rate payer, and various charges and investments which are largely generated from tax payers, whether investments, facility charges or public transport. The people such as I have a right to

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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: Fudin to Auckland Unlimited opens up further revenue options with international events. If we have invested in infrastructure for bus services we need to ensure we have the buses scheduled to utilise them, otherwise it hasn't been a smart investment.

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Tell us why: Holding long-term assets is always smart, but understanding the debt interest rate is costing us greater than the dividend is appreciated.

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: balancing short-term pain with long-term sustainability is the purpose of this budget.

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: Allow the city to prepare and adequately respond with services in the case of disasters

5. Local Boards

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community facilities, services and activities, Climate action and sustainability initiatives, Local parks and facilities maintenance

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to reinvigorate our community facilities and sports clubs/fields. The limited green space we have is only useful if it is maintained.

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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 pretend to know enough detail to say that none of those cuts are wise, but most of them are not. Auckland's public transport was just approaching an acceptably useful level of service for the first time in many decades, now it is back to being an embarrassment. Keeping those particular cuts in service level is also anti-climate.

There is no need for large cuts overall - a larger rates increase is very affordable for the vast majority of ratepayers (grumble though they might).

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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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 larger rates increase is very affordable for the vast majority of ratepayers (grumble though they might) and far less damaging to the city's long-term future.

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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: Neither the link to "Storm response" nor page 101 of the PDF linked from there have told me anything about what that proposal is beyond a vague "Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment".

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, Early Childhood. These are all important services that a Council is obligated to provide. The severity of these austerity measures are short sighted and callous.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland Airport is an important public asset and keeping our stake is important for our future.

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: A smaller rates increase and greater use of debt makes sense for households who are already under duress. By comparison under far more economic duress than the council!!!

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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?) 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: I think balancing arts, environment and those in need is the best approach.

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: 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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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: It seems that the advantage of selling the shares outweighs the disadvantage.

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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 increase seems reasonable in light of keeping up with increased costs for the different areas to keep operating properly

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 no choice but to bite the bullet to prevent a recurrence of this summer's floods

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), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: It was frustrating to have to limit the choice to 3 because they're all important to me and would prefer higher rates to compensate for the shortfall.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Selling parts of the golfcourse available for sale

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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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Tell us why these are most important to you: They are all important to me, and picking only 3 is misleading. The only one I can be comfortable with is the no/low mow area reduction.

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 chares to the city art gallery.

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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 sizeable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will suffer.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage 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 for us to invest in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events. Seeing and hearing the stories of individuals, families and communities affected by the recent extreme weather events, especially in locations known

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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 community is feeling.

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals? All areas should have food waste collection available.

I am concerned with Auckland Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established just last year with overwhelming public support. The plan to plunder the Climate Action Targ

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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: Arts and culture activities are a core part of any city's identity: they provide a sense of vibrancy, character, and points of difference that make it a place where people want to live or visit. Building and sustaining an environment in which artists can practise, develop and present their work generates stimulus for more than just the community who are directly involved. Cities bloom around these activities. There is a pride in being aesthetically aware, both artistically and in a more civic sense. Any loss to the current operations will place artists and organisations in (at best) precarious situations.

The ecology of the arts behaves differently to other more industrial or commercial sectors. Money spent in the arts can stimulate creation, presentation, and experience – often distributed around the intricate network of organisations and freelance professionals. Work created and presented develops audiences, inspires further work, and allows those involved to further their practice locally, nationally and internationally.

The current state of affairs for practitioners is far from ideal: Covid-19 and broader funding issues have impacted artists in often-profound ways. Further budget cuts would not only deprive our arts and artists of oxygen, they would be the end of the line for a number of avenues of artistic development and innovation – extinction, in some cases (to extend the ecology metaphor). Cuts often also encourage organisations and artists to avoid innovation, tending toward more

conventional and conservative pursuits. These kinds of environments are anathema to creativity, and rob the arts that do survive of freshness and vitality.

In addition to these cuts, it is concerning to see the way public spending on public transport, social services, and early childhood education as being in any way expendable. These activities are a major part of a safety net that keep our society's head above water, address climate issues and congestion, and support families.

These activities are not optional extras to council operations: they are targeted at the most important aspect of the city – its citizens.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Retaining shares gives the Council the opportunity to retain democratic rights around the way the airport develops.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: The Council's current credit rating is very good, which would make borrowing a suitable option. A Rates Increase could also potentially be higher than 4.66 per cent without making a massive economic impact. So: I would advocated higher rates and greater u

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 clear that this is required. Central government could also be contributing directly to this kind of response, and I would support the Council advocating for this.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I would rather not choose: these are all useful activities. However: the options I have selected provide either income, or direct support or three areas of high importance.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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My general thoughts are that many of these questions were aimed at what we would initiatives want to survive. So many of these activities, however, should be thriving, growing, and with increased support. I understand the financial situation, but also rec

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

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Tell us why: Higher interest rates, extreme cost of living and weather events. Increasing rates will crush people.

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Tell us why:

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Other

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Libraries are essential services. Arts programmes and local events are what makes a city worth living in.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Less mowing and less spraying - weeds are diversity and attract beneficial pollinators!

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Your proposed reductions are incredibly short-sighted and wrong. I don't believe you're looking at this the right way, and I don't believe there's a budget hole crisis. If you're really concerned, sell the golf courses instead to fund the 'shortfall'. We need tourism promotion now that the borders have opened up; we need the regional services to promote community and connection; we need the libraries and CAB to keep operating to help serve the community also.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why: Why would you sell AIAL shares at a time when the borders have opened and tourists will be coming back to the country through AIA? Again, if you're so concerned about plugging this shortfall, sell the gold courses that don't serve the majority of Auckland

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Again, sell the golf courses to fund what you keep saying is the shortfall.

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Tell us why: We wouldn't need to talk about the rates for this if you weren't so opposed to Three Waters. You're clearly unable to cope with managing water and stormwater. Let the Three Waters Reform go ahead and be managed by the new entities. You wouldn't need to do

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Pretty sad you're wanting to cut down libraries, CAB and JP services, reduce funding grants for community events that provide connection. I would argue reducing these things makes me question what the point is in Auckland Council full stop.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: All of the above are important and help to make Auckland a wonderful, vibrant place to be and sets us up for the future. Raising the issue of cutting them is incredibly short sighted and tells me you don't have much of a vision for this place or its people

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Yes. Sell the golf courses.

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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: Don't proceed with any reductions and instead, unfreeze the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increase borrowing, and maintain the general rates package.

Specifically, do not reduce any funding for arts and culture. To do so would kill the city entirely which is already quite dead due to poor infrastructure in Midtown, poor public transport, and COVID. More people than ever, are this year moving out of Auckland, in my social circle.

Also do not cut social services: the impacts of homelessness are more and more apparent. More people are struggling and to cut the services for those communities would be cruel and exacerbate the suffering and cause more people to fall into homelessness, which harms everyone

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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 shares is short sighted especially in light of COVID, and the proposed airport redevelopment. We want a good airport, not a horrible broken one like in Melbourne and this will profit Auckland in the long run.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I think a slightly higher rates rise could be justified, given that Wellington is increasing by 13%. Homeowners live in the city and the effects on the quality of this city will affect the value of their properties. If you live in a horrible broken city w

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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: Environmental funding is going to be reduced to \$0. We need strong local responses and so this doesn't make sense after a severe weather event. We need to fund environmental activities because they provide long term returns on investment.

If funding for local board 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: Libraries are mainstay of the community, particularly those who are marginalised. It's the core of our communities, even though it often doesn't get recognised as such.

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? Cutting planned increase in bus frequency funded by Climate Action Targeted rate is a bad idea. Cutting at all of bus frequency will be a bad idea. You need to remember that not only do buses operate an essential service for people who cannot drive (when

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Now is the time to invest, not to scrimp and cut what makes our city beautiful. You might see a budget crisis (which I disagree with), but I see a crisis in how liveable our city is. Our city is deteriorating in quality, as our public transport gets worse

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland should maintain some say and revenue from the area's airport.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why: Clearer slightly higher rates are called for but government entities should not live in fear of 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 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 culture funding reductions, cuts to local board funding and community programmes cuts. Cuts to community facilities. All cut our growth of community and its expression, diversity and vitality. To be an international city we need an arts and culture presence and vibrancy. To attract tourism, reflect and accommodate diversity, stimulate hospitality, tourism. We also need to nurture community and diversity through local board arts, culture and community programmes. Contestable funding for local boards is not an option that supports a multicultural city. The entitled eloquent get the lions share. Community support should be top down as well.

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Tell us why: Pay down debt.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Business share of debt burden should not decrease. Making profit is their aim. Why should council help them by reducing their rates while pulling community programmes and facilities?

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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 floods were a one in fifty year occurrence. Needless spending on developing reports and future proofing for literally a rainy day. Put the money into regular stormwater pipe clearing. Get some maintenance trucks out doing something instead of commissi

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Tell us why: Water quality, plantings no-mow etc no.

Community and connection are paramount. Upgrade lets and grey lynn libraries not to a swanky architectural standard but to a real and down to earth solid and serviceable std. Priorities seem skewed to the environmen

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Community needs places and events to flourish. To grow, network plus nurture the arts community. Local arts need Grant's. Provides commercial benefit to as ppl visit events. Tourists plus locals benefit.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reports, regulation and unnecessary admin. Put the money into actions and support not hindrance. Tried to rent a community facility recently. Omg it was hardly used and I could see why. Ridiculous regulation and admin totally shutting the community out fr

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Auckland needs leadership not abrasiveness from their mayor. His job is to unify community leaders, ensure inclusiveness and diversity. Also to progress community identity, facilities, events and sense of Auckland as a world class city.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: If it is quite clear that the AIAL Shares are a burden not an asset to Auckland City with no chance of an upside, it seems best to sell them.

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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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Tell us why: Totally we need to fix the infrastructure and land destroyed or damaged by the weather in Jan and Feb and future proof it and other parts of Auckland that may be vulnerable in future events.

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Tell us why: I do not consider it necessary for l'iCal boards to have community funding budgets. I don't consider that there is a need for so many people to be elected to local boards maybe two or three people to work with the local councillor/s.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemata waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: We all need a community centre and a library to support community activities and access to tools for education for all ages.

We also need to focus on climate action as a most pressing issue given recent experience.

Reducing waste and making recycling ea

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Reduce unnecessary jobs and look at rationalising wages and salaries in Local Board offices and Council offices.

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What do you think of these proposals? I would like to know if putting up the cost of rubbish collection means that some people will dump their rubbish to avoid the higher costs. Also I am aware that in Papakura where food scraps collection etc have a pay as you go system some people find thei

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I would like to see the owners of arable food producing land given incentives and support for maintaining this land as such rather than encouraging land banking for future development. I think the Rural Urban boundary should be contained or even brought

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Tell us why: Prior to the pandemic, the dividend payment was \$59 million dollars. Even if the next dividend - now that our borders are open and Auckland Airport has become profitable again - is 70% of what it was that financial year; it would cover the reduction of i

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Tell us why: Now would be the absolute worst time to increase debt. If the council is struggling to pay the current interest on their debts with 75% of those debts hedged at lower interest rates - why borrow at higher rates now? And if cash flow is needed, again, why

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Tell us why: The upgrading of stormwater infrastructure is about 60 years overdue, our beaches are unsafe with urban waste being pumped out into them, need to look into more effectively managing overland water flow.

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Tell us why: Those are the things that are important to our area and it's constituents

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Because they support the community in a way that is integral to it's cohesion and social stability

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What do you think of these proposals? Need more CATR services in areas like Pakuranga - also need to look at the timing of bus services because it is an absolute mess

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: Reducing spending on homelessness would be sinful, in a city with a visible problem. It is shameful that the streets of Auckland should have public begging and dossing, quite apart from our responsibility to people who have crashed, for one reason or another. On another tack, it is also a part of the general problem of the contestation of control of the streets.

Reducing spending on public transport would be dumb. Travelling is already unnecessarily burdensome for a city of our size, because of the congested state of the roads, and the efforts of Auckland Transport to increase the difficulties of travelling by car.

Whilst some increase in charges for museums and so on is reasonable, serious cuts in funding for the arts and cultural activities would be unfair and shortsighted. Many organizations have suffered because of COVID-19, and cutbacks in funding could finish off some valuable activities, for the sake of small savings in the budget. I have seen a suggestion that some of the city's collections should be sold off. This would be short sighted vandalism of a high order, and would provoke me to acts of civil disobedience to prevent it.

Whilst the support of cycling is a good goal, it would be no bad thing to have a moratorium on the construction of new cycle paths, since AT seems unable to build many paths that attract much cycle traffic. Time to reflect on how to do cycle

paths properly would be a good thing. Perhaps requiring all council staff--especially the most senior--and councillors to use public transport or cycles while on official business would result in a sharper focus on what really works.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: One reason why Auckland has such an appalling infrastructure deficit is that successive councils have prioritised rate reductions over everything else, resulting in short-termism and only fixing things when they inconvenience influential people. We aren't

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: It is entirely unacceptable to have large areas of housing flooded. The proposed increase will only provide a mitigation of the problems, but it's not one we can do without.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Community delivery includes activities to alleviate the effects of poverty. Simple morality insists that this should not be cut back.

If funding for local board 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 activities are important for the future livability of the city. No one can be happy, either morally or in terms of quiet enjoyment of public space, to see the homeless camping in doorways.

The care and improvement of waterways is important to preve

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? A number of local board funded activities are of a consciousness raising or community building kind. Many people feel passionately about these activities, so they might have funding reduced and rely more on volunteers, with local board/council funding onl

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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 have dutifully provided feedback, but have little hope that it will be effective. The activities of council seem by now to be beyond influence by citizens of Auckland, since they are designed to be out of democratic control. As Councillor Williamson is

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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 reductions.

Council has the capacity to increase borrowing as Auckland Council has relatively low levels of debt and a strong credit rating. I assume in good faith that Council workers and managers operate with the best intentions of 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is short-sighted to sell these shares. Keep the assets.

Ownership of the Council's shares to the gateway to our city should not be sold.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: If increasing our borrowing at this difficult time is a way of keeping our city clean and functioning well and maintaining cultural, social, environmental and educational health for our diverse communities - I support it. It is essential for our socia

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Maintenance of our stormwater infrastructure is core business for Council.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Do all these things with no frills.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Impossible to choose.

Do it all but streamline and do it in a no frills manner.

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Community connection is fragile and I want my rates to make us a healthy city continuing to support our local community galleries and museums. Rebuilding these taonga will be impossible if support is minimised or withdrawn at this point in time. Council's

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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:

Citizens Advice Bureau

1. I have volunteered for CAB for about six years in the Grey Lynn/Ponsonby branch. I was inspired to volunteer when I left paid work by my former boss, who has volunteered since CAB was set up in the 1970s in the legal clinics (alongside his paid career in the law). He still does. The legal clinics are one of the many specialist clinics CAB branches operate alongside their core work.
2. My colleagues and I give our time gladly. But the service cannot operate without the operational funding infrastructure that Auckland Council provides. And it was Auckland Council's ancestor in the 1970s who saw the need for this Service in this country and set it up.
3. We provide good value for money. I know that every week there are citizens of Auckland who have burdens lifted and are able to carry on their lives, able to go forward and take action on the problems they have, because we could help them. Without CAB, where will those people go?

4. While we provide our Service by email and phone, by far to me the most valuable thing we do is face to face provision. That might seem like a luxury in this day and age, where noone wants to see you, they are too busy. But these are people who are often at the margins of society, who lack capacity in the digital age. They apologise for taking too much of your time and are comforted by the response that we have all the time we need. And to the client, it is free and confidential. Again there is value to the city in that – a citizen who feels heard and respected and who is empowered to take action (with us alongside).

5. Even people you might regard as middle class and competent can have times of crisis in their lives and when people are stressed it helps to talk with an objective listener. We can help our clients to take a calmer look at their situation, break the issues down (there can be a few) and work through how to approach them. Without taking action at this point, people are often heading into expensive disputes. Our value is in avoiding that and the resulting further stress to people's lives.

6. I know before Covid-19 that Council and CABs in Auckland were working together on looking at improved service delivery options. That was interrupted by Covid. To my mind revisiting and continuing that would be a good idea. Together I think we could work through some of the issues. But cutting the funding will be throwing the baby out with the bathwater. We will lose experienced paid staff and volunteers whom we cannot get back. What a waste of all the investment we have put in to them.

7. And where will the clients go? Some argue that central government should provide the funding. Central government does fund the organisation. Have you ever looked at our CAB website. It is the most amazing tool and because we use it every day, we can feed back into it when we see gaps or nuances that need looking into. The maintenance of such a tool requires resourcing. Further we volunteers receive quality training that is developed at a national level and centrally funded.

8. Central government will not fund the 30+ bureaux/branches in Auckland, nor those around the country, therefore the reality is without funding we will have to shut down .

9. Often clients say to me, I never knew about you before, how is it that? I have two thoughts about that. Firstly I think, well that means all our money is spent on the doing, nothing left over for self promotion and when the client needs us, they found out about us. But secondly, I worry that there are so many more people we could be helping if we had the resources to advertise ourselves like a corporate does.

Community and Arts Funding

10. While I am focussing on an entity where I volunteer, as a citizen of Auckland for the past 26 years, I wish to record my opposition to the entire proposal to cut community funding, including the arts, environmental and other projects. These areas are what make up the heart of our city, throughout the region. The idea that somehow these areas are for the elite is rubbish.

11. Over the years, we have gone to music in the parks, movies in the parks, Matariki and Diwali and lantern festivals, been involved in stream and Beach restoration and cleanups, gone to the zoo, MOTAT, the galleries, the museum.

12. They provide job opportunities for many and joy for many others. These initiatives are at the heart of what makes for a great city to live in.

Conclusion

Local Government throughout Aotearoa NZ has ignored the structural maintenance required to get our cities and towns up to speed for years. It is time to face up to this. But we don't want that major remedial work at the expense of the vibrancy that funding community brings.

13. Im heading into my retirement years, but I do not want the bill left to my children and mokopuna. Bite the bullet, raise the rates!

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: We should not pass on the cost to future generations, we have ignored the major infrastructure issues for too long.

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Tell us why: I respect the work of the local board members.

If funding for local board 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: I support libraries as places for information gathering and social cohesion, I support community and youth and the arts, and as a local I support the awa Waiōrea and our young people being empowered to take care of it.

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Happy with the work of te Tūpuna Maunga authority - Maungawhau looks great since they have taken over. Ōwairaka will look great once the planting of indigenous takes over from the introduced trees. A great example of co-governance in action - as in - be

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Continue to fund Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to deliver tourism promotion and economic development, and maintain existing pricing at venues it runs. We need to promote Auckland as a destination to ensure that we receive our slice of the massive revenue source that tourism provides to New Zealand. Not doing this is just shooting ourselves in the foot financially.

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Retain local board funded activities across all boards as these provide significant local benefits to communities.

Retain regional contestable grants in order to support key environmental, social and cultural projects across Auckland.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Make higher use of debt to fund capital projects - we can easily afford this based on our ratings from S&P.

Increase rates to an higher level to fund council operations that continue to make a city that's truly liveable.

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Tēnā koe,

Thursday, 23 March 2023

TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU SCREEN SECTOR RESPONSE TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24

Screen Production is good business for Auckland.

Screen Auckland's 2022 Data Overview shows that:

- Screen (including production, post-production, and visual effects) is worth \$1.523 billion to the Auckland economy.
- The sector directly employs 8405 people in Auckland, up from 7500 in 2021.
- There are 2322 screen business units located here, 48% of the national screen sector.

Of the \$800+ million spend on production in the Auckland region 60% of that, almost half a billion dollars, was spent with Auckland businesses – hotels and restaurants, vehicle and equipment hire businesses, all of which did it tough during the Covid-19 restrictions.

In a recent economic impact report of screen production activity in New Zealand¹ less than 40% of spend on a film or TV show is screen-industry. Attracting and servicing screen production in Auckland makes very good financial sense, for those who work on productions, but even more so for the city as a whole.

We support the Auckland Plan 2050's aim that 'Auckland is prosperous with many opportunities and delivers a better standard of living for everyone'. Auckland Council has an economic development plan for the region – the most recent of these for 2021-2024 has the objectives of:

- Attracting people and investment
- Enabling thriving local economies
- Supporting quality jobs and skill development
- Preparing businesses for Auckland's future
- Infrastructure that enables economic development
- Regulations that enable economic development

Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. Continuing to support screen directly through Tātake Auckland Unlimited in turn supports the local economy, the hospitality sector, tourism, and retail to generate much needed revenue. A thriving city improves social cohesion, wellbeing, and our quality of life. It makes a city more inclusive and welcoming. Helps to attract and retain new residents and industry. A thriving city also boosts the local economy, creates jobs, and makes for a more prosperous city.

QUESTIONS

1. What economic analysis has been done by Council on the impacts these cuts will have on Auckland's economy and employment, over the short, medium, and long term?
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Screen production is a dynamic and complex ecosystem, and a change of this magnitude will have long term impacts. We are very concerned that the Budget proposals have been prepared without due diligence, and the potential negative impact on the future of the screen sector in Auckland has not been properly considered and understood.

¹ Olsberg Report: <https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/resources/olsberg-spi-report-economic-impact-new-zealand-screen-production-sector>

ALTERNATIVE

We recommend the Auckland City Council continue to invest in its economic development programmes, and to increase borrowing and/or raise rates for residential and business ratepayers to cover that cost.

Other Councils, such as in Wellington, have decided to confront reality with a proposed 13% rates rise to fill the shortfall and make the necessary investment in a thriving and resilient city.

CONCLUSION

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The signatories of this letter, the representative bodies of the individual screen practitioners and businesses, call on you to consider the economic, social and wellbeing impacts of these budget cuts, specifically to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

Yours Sincerely,

Co-Authors

[Film Auckland Inc](#) and [SPADA](#)

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Directors and Editors Guild of Aotearoa New Zealand

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Tell us why:

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? 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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The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Save the environment climate change sucks

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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: Cut costs by reducing external consultant and huge management salaries of any organization in deficit due to non-performance.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Bring an empty-houses tax to earn revenue through houses not having any people living in there for more than 60% of year. Any rentals or investment property should have a higher rates bill.

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Keep funding for CAB and libraries. Do not touch that funding. Charge library fee for all non-resident / tourists.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Others cuts listed such as homeless funding, youth centers etc. will only increase the future cost with impact of crime and housing crisis. In general the trade off between cuts and the lost in quality of life expected is not even comparable, while the cuts will likely increase Auckland's long term debt as it takes away important 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: Seems much easier to pressure banks and lenders for better deals on interest rate than go through with selling shares of our most representative asset. Government and council represents the people, not those banker's record billions profit which only exists

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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: Investment in infrastructure and maintenance of current services are more financially sensible.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Given the impact of climate change we will need to increase investment to mitigate extreme weather events. 20 million seems like a modest amount.

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: All seems sensible and 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), Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: Hard to choose between the options as many have similar goals (sustainability, community wellbeing etc.)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Unsure

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please keep the funding for Citizens Advice Bureau. They are the most competent and effective public agency I've ever encountered and are frankly much more efficient in delivering results/solution than Mr. Brown.

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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: The airport is a strategic asset that should not be 100% in private hands. The public good is never truly considered when profit is the sole aim.

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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: Our rates are too low currently. We need to pay for the upgrade of our aging infrastructure and do this now. We can't keep pushing the cost onto future generations like we have done in the past.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: \$20 million dollars a year is not enough to prepare for future storms. Let people know the full cost now so they can decide whether to stay in Auckland or stay and pay the price needed. Make people wake up to the fact that we have underpaid our way for to

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: Most of these projects can wait. Clean the streams and forget about the heritage protection. Heritage protection is the desire of the comfortable. Auckland is no longer comfortable.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need to repair the damage we have done in the past before we move on to do other things

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? increase parking fees, fine people for speeding, parking on berms and footpaths and driving through red lights. This will increase income and make our streets safer.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Build more cycleways and, bike lanes and bus lanes to prioritise cycling and public transport use as this will save people money and save costs to the city in road repairs, deaths and serious injuries, introduce health benefits and remove cars from busy s

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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 proceed with maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services, as it already disadvantages and inconveniences people who don't drive.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

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What 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: There is no simple answer to this question. Auckland Council must assess on-going projects, review progress and measure efficiency. The cost reductions need to start inside the council in order to minimise the reduction of funds to the community, affecting the welfare of all Aucklanders. The duty of Auckland Council is to ensure funds are used for the best purposes and in the most appropriate ways. It is the council's responsibility to support education and the arts for the future of Auckland.

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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).

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why: Debt causes interest payments. Ratepayers will be paying for no benefit. We should reduce debt as quickly as possible, consistent with providing essential services. Short-term pain will mean long-term gain.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 it is necessary, it is necessary. We must be prepared.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do not have enough information about 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, 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: Support community activities. Provide opportunities for self-improvement. These are the activities in which local councils should be participating, and, in the big scheme, they are not activities which cost huge sums of money. Use funds efficiently but do

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What do you think of these proposals? No. I have insufficient information.

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Disappointed with the priorities of the council.

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Tell us why: Need to clean up our waterways beaches so we can swim.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce public transport services instead increase the services back to preCOVID levels, and increase incentives for new drivers

Increase revenue from parking fines and carparks in parking buildings and create a cost for cars entering the city centre.

increase rate costs for parking buildings or empty land in dense environments

Dont reduce funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited, especially at a time when tourism is slowly increasing again. You could increase pricing at some of the venues.

Do not reduce regional services funding or contestable grants. This is cost saving at its worst. It just pushes potential revenue by making other cities apart from auckland more viable and interesting as cultural art centres. It also undoes all the hard work that council has been doing post COVID in helping the city recover.

Do not reduce local board funding . This type of funding will never return and is small in comparison to the other costs that could be cut or raised. This effects libraries, community spaces, and local communities in a way that they will not be able to recover from. These local community grants and operational funding build the social fabric of a community. You will just pay for it elsewhere if you remove it.

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Tell us why: To remove all shares in a space that allows us to earn income from the return of visitors lacks foresight. It would allow a blocking stake.

I also think you should look at selling other assets like the land used for the Auckland Council golf courses. The

3. Managing rates and debt

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Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Set a higher rates increase its not even matching inflation and is ridiculous to be using such a small amount to try and run a city that is so clearly underfunded in the first instance.

Also make more use of debt. We have the credit rating and the need w

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: This should be in conjunction with not reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR)

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why: I support all the priorities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours 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: This is ridiculous, we shouldn't be trying to choose between all these good priorities when there are other ways to save costs or raise funds that have less of an effect such as delaying other capital costs and projects.

I chose the aspects that build th

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Local budgets are already so small and so vital. This isn't about savings but about cutting costs.

There are other areas from a regional perspective that could be used to save costs such as selling golf course land, and also reducing capital expenditure i

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?

Golf courses should be sold off as assets. Retaining some land as wetland and public parks. This will allow for an increase in funds that could be put toward capital projects

The mayoral budget should be made discretionary and in fact removed for this fi

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is short sighted to sell an asset.

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: Raise taxes on businesses

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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

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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: Better value in holding the shares longer, at least until we have a more competent mayor.

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Cost of living is already too high for some communities but a small increase is probably unavoidable

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: Unavoidable expense

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: The environment is most important to everyone.

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Please do not proceed with cuts affecting the arts and social investments, such as contestable funding, regional services, local board funding schemes and Tataki Auckland Unlimited

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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: Don't cut essential services. It's best to spread the costs across rates (bearing in mind how hard it is for some to pay) and debt (that we can pay back over 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 must prepare and adapt for climate change as best we can, it is not going to go away

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Action on climate change, low carbon lifestyles, public transport and the arts & cultural life of the city are my key priorities.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce any of these! These are all important and Auckland needs these more than ever. This city feels in desperate need of some financial support. Increase the rates on the rich! Poorer communities should not have their rates increased.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Auckland should have a greater share in the airport, and a say in its future. Auckland is growing and this is obviously an important asset we should keep a strong position / say in its future.

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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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?) 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? Tax the Rich

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
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- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport needs to be expanded back to what they were and beyond not reduced. Unless public transport runs efficiently and inexpensively with regular guaranteed services of trains, buses and ferries the idea of severely reducing the use of private cars in the city simply will not happen. It is completely counterintuitive to expect people to use public transport more when there is less of it.

Public facilities that are part of rich city life and that provide educational and recreational opportunities for people should not be faced with reduced funding where they become priced out of reach of ordinary people. These facilities include Auckland zoo, Auckland Art Gallery and any other council operated galleries in the region, Auckland libraries throughout the entire region, Auckland Museum if applicable and other educational museums around the region if they are assisted by the council financially, swimming pools, gyms, parks and regional parks. All these should all be nonnegotiable for council budget cuts. Also Council early childhood education services should be in the above list.

All council departments should be streamlined in financially in terms of management structures and use of highly paid consultants.

Finace should continue for promoting Auckland City and big events that will bring money into the regional. we should encourage events that bring people into the city and region as they will boost the economy of the region. Arts and Culture events and venues should also not be cut in funding as these facilities continue to make us a livable city.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is surely necessary to maintain an interest and a right to be involved should there be an issue of takeover and to be able to reap some benefit from any increase in dividends rather than just sell out for comparatively short term gain.

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? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: The best balance between rates increases and more use of debt.

4. Storm Response

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Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: As well as rebuilding from damage caused by the storms as quickly as possible it is vital that we engage with plans for future events and maintain a full programme of maintaining current facilities and infrastructure to be as prepared as possible for future

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, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: Very difficult to select 3. These 3 represent the 3 areas that I consider important but are not exclusive and they are library an essential community service, education on the local area in school and environmental preservation and controlling pests.

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? Change to buss services funded by CATR. Not sure whether this means a reduction or what so cannot support it without knowing what it involves.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Overall I want the council to continue to maintain every day, essential services such as transport, water and council amenities with no or minimal cost increases. Many people are going to find any rates increases a challenge and it is the council's duty t

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public infrastructure is a crucial support to people during difficult economic times. These reductions will benefit affluent rates payers at the expense of our vulnerable who need more support than ever, thus increasing inequity in Auckland. For example, cancellation of public transport services will severely restrict the economic opportunities available to someone who cannot afford a car and needs stable reliable buses and trains to get to work. Restricting these opportunities will have inevitable flow effects on health and well being, which the tax payer would have to support once these individuals become sick and turn to our health system. An affluent Aucklander who owns a car will not face the same magnitude of economic loss in paying higher rates that a non car owner would face with severely reduced public infrastructure.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why: Ultimately I would like to see future planning from Auckland council, and consideration of the most economically feasible solution within the next 50 years. If the dividends collected from these assets was greater than the interest costs and flow on effect

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 rates increase is a natural response to economic hardship. These rates will be used to build public infrastructure and support our vulnerable, therefore are a necessary evil.

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’s lack of response to the storms were unacceptable and have left our vulnerable paying substantially more than they would have had there been sufficient public infrastructure to prevent excessive flooding.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Auckland central is a crucial urban hub for all Aucklanders, and for the rest of New Zealand. A vibrant thriving Auckland central will provide economic opportunity for the entire city and the country as a whole. Having said this, basic public infrastructure

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, 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: Preserving our environment is a precursor for all other community initiatives to thrive.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Less focus on road/motorway maintenance and a movement away from the culture of Auckland being a "driving city".

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Food scraps naturally decompose regardless of how they are disposed, therefore have less environmental consequences than other waste. They are therefore a lower priority to adjust rates for.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Public transport should be more readily available well into the night to encourage economic activity (such as for restaurants and events) to make Auckland a more thriving city.

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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: I implore you do not proceed with reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, reducing regional services, reducing local board funded activities, and reducing regional contestable grants. These reductions will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors, causing long term damage to the sector and to the fabric of the city.

As the Co-chair of the board of the Auckland Pride Festival, I know just how important the support that is at risk from these cuts is to a Festival that provides many engaging and inspiring free activities for all communities and supports Rainbow and Takatāpui communities in the Auckland region throughout the month of February.

I know the impact of the Auckland Regional Event Grant that enables us to deliver the a month long programme of events. This also supports the Big Gay Out, a major event in our programme (produced by the Burnett Foundation) that attracts thousands of visitors from across Tāmaki Makaurau and across Aotearoa New Zealand.

I've seen how huge an impact the introduction of the Auckland Council Proud Centres programme (from Arts and Community Fund) has been across the region, activating community centres and increasing use of council facilities in all parts of the city, West, South, East West and Central. It opened up space for grassroots community organisation of markets, panel discussions, history lessons, writers festivals, sports tournaments, craft workshops and community days.

It's also enabled the existence of indigenous queer work, such as the F.I.N.E Festival, which is unique to this part of the world and which is an important part of the city's identity. For such a relatively small investment the return for community and the culture of our region has been enormous.

I've also seen how work produced for the Auckland Pride Festival has been supported through the Creative Community

Scheme, funding live theatre and performance, and exciting new Festivals such as the Festival of Live Art. I've seen meaningful and moving artworks supported by regional galleries such as Objectspace, Tautai, Fesh Gallery and Mangere Arts Centre, through collaborative projects that develop exciting new artists and connect people with our indigenous queer histories, and fresh young indigenous stories, creating compelling and exciting reasons to visit the city, stimulate our economy and result in a prosperous city.

As an active and engaged member of the arts and community sector who has grown up in Auckland, I've seen the huge impact such small investment yields and how passionate our arts and community sectors are. 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 is short sighted and will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities. It will have long lasting a devastating effects on our communities.

For these reasons I do not support 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? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: This seems like a short sighted and financially irresponsible decision.

While selling the shares now brings in a chunk of revenue, this is a one off and given that fact we should be looking for the best time to sell for the best gain. This is not a smart

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Council is opting to pause two important targeted rates that they don't have to. 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.

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: Given the recent extreme flooding events and damage to the city it is imperative that we invest in our infrastructure to reduce damage to the city and its ratepayers, not only financial costs, but ecological and human costs where extreme weather events a

5. Local Boards

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?**

Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

Rank	Proposed Priorities
0	Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers
0	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
0	Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
0	Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
0	Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local events e.g. Movies in Parks, ANZAC and local civic events, Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Arts and culture programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you: They create vibrant communities

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

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), 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: Auckland Pride, and artists and audiences, rely on these programmes to create a sense of cohesion and community.

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

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): The Open Fort

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:

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Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Tourism is a vital economic driver for city and improving the city, quality of life in it only will increase appeal to visit the city. If Auckland city supports more visitation, Auckland International Airport will benefit and the benefit can be shared with

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Increase rates progressively over time

Strategic investment of debt (spend of money to be able to save money for the future) for use in efficientising systems and services using technology (eg. IT/digital/artificial intelligence). A push for innovating th

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Invest in operating and capital expenditure based on the impact of recent events and initially the expectation of more to come even if it is more or less than the 1% increase

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: No programming or funding should be completely cut. It can be reduced though not cut. It takes time to develop community, initiatives, culture and connection. By removing this it will set the city back and the progression of the city to be an overall live

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Tell us why these are most important to you: If youth don't have constructive and healthy outlets I feel them. Investing in youth is an investment in to the future of the city.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Investment in infrastructure and systems to make running of community events cheaper, more accessible and better by training initiative opportunities for the community (to learn event producing and other pro-active community building initiatives), community

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run

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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.

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.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future. These are people's jobs, their livelihoods. Furthermore, the Arts serve as a source of joy, inspiration and reflection for people from all walks of life and of all ages. Speaking from experience, Arts programs are particularly crucial for youth - these opportunities can inspire a

love of the craft, kickstart a career path or a life-long hobby, forge communities and support systems, and inspire young people to see beyond their immediate situation and have hope for their future. This is crucial for a healthier society. The Arts help develop intellect, empathy, comprehension and confidence.

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.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: The focus on helping youth is crucial for the future of our communities and city. Libraries provide hugely important services. I would also add that climate change action should be considered, as a way of improving future resilience, and the Arts should 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?) Funding for arts centres and partners, Library opening hours and services, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: 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. Completely reducing all funding to arts and events of

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Many of these are focused on climate change action, which is hugely necessary for the future resilience of our city. Prioritising our public facilities and community support systems is also very important. I would also add that the Arts should be considered

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: 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. The Arts provide a sense of purpose and joy to many people

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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Greetings.

I am writing as a final year university student who has been involved in a variety of arts organisations and events across Auckland, with the aim of working professionally in this sector. I also write as an Aucklander who just generally really enjoys the arts and finds great purpose and meaning in them, and who forges connections with others through events and experiences of this nature. I strongly disagree with the proposed cuts to contestable grants, the Regional Services budget, local board funding, and to Tataki Auckland.

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. I was just in a play by a new theatre company, The Arden Ensemble - it was very genuinely been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life thus far. I feel I have forged important friendships and professional networks, and the show became a joyous shared experience for over 300 people over the course of our short run. As a queer, female-led and youth-driven adaptation of a Shakespeare play, it offered a new contemporary take on a classic and sparked many conversations with friends, family and strangers. There are aims to revive the beloved annual Shakespeare productions in the city. We cannot rob Aucklanders of experiences such as these, especially not our youth.

I annually attend Art Week, supporting friends, colleagues and strangers. I have been part of numerous community theatre productions, both as an actor and set designer (e.g. Shoreside Theatre, Company Theatre) - the opportunity to do set design has uncovered a new love and opened a new door for me professionally.

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. *Neville's Island* by Company Theatre only played three performances of what was planned to be a three week season due to the August 2021 lockdown. While it was a necessary measure, the devastation of all that work going to waste and having to pull apart the set together quite a while later, cautiously and in masks, was heart-breaking.

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. The mix of local and international productions at the recently-finished Auckland Arts Festival was delightful. I am looking forward to the wide variety of programming across Auckland's theatres.

Now is our chance to continue this trajectory to revive the city's Arts. 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 an outsize impact on our arts, culture and creative sector. Besides the Arts being a passion for people such as myself, these are other people's jobs, their livelihoods, their careers.

Auckland Council funding is central to the post-COVID-19 recovery of our city's creative sector. The Council's continuing support for our creative community, commissioning of creative work, the grants available to support arts organisations, and the Council's support

for arts infrastructure, such as our theatres, is essential to our recovery. This will also benefit restaurants, hotels and other businesses, as Aucklanders attend these events.

We, Auckland's community of artists and art lovers, ask Auckland Council not to proceed with the proposed cuts to contestable grants, regional services, local board funding and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.

This is a time to invest, not a time to cut. This is a time to keep the lights on and the life in our city.

Thank you.



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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I am truly shocked at the shortsightedness of nearly all of the proposed reductions and the long term negative (including financial) impact they will have. Look to the Borough of Croydon (declared bankrupt) as an example of what can happen with a similar approach. The only reduction I support is a reduction in the budget of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, which in my view could do more with less. The CCO appears to be expert at providing internal reviews of its programmes that do not accurately reflect their success or lack thereof.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Support the work of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and its funding.

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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: All these services are already non-functional with their current budget alone. A further reduction will permanently damage this city and the ability to live in 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? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Parks maintenance (including mowing)

Tell us why these are most important to you: Climate and culture are critical to ensuring that the relevant districts don't become cesspools of undesirable land.

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 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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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, 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?

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Changes to other rates	
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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Your 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: They're appropriate now.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Appropriate now.

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: It's appropriate.

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 don't know

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Local community events e.g. Parnell Festival of Roses

Tell us why these are most important to you: We need the arts & entertainment

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? Introduce a mild commuter congestion tax and use the revenue for the arts & environment.

7. What else is important to you?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce public transport, regional services and local board grants - they make for a vibrant city that attracts tourists and residents, generating income for Auckland over the long term. Think DCF model - time value of 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? 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: Non essential asset

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: Have greater ability to borrow. Residents currently covering greater burden of rises.

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: Would expect insurance to cover remediation however future spend needed to lower risk with future events

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Reflects actions needed for local area with key assets used by people outside local area

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Growing our children's minds and education over the long term (library) and protecting our environment for the long term

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Opex - people, processes - simplify

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What do you think of these proposals? Switch order of waste mgmt - weekly recycling and food scraps. Fortnightly rubbish. Encourage more sustainable use of waste ultimately lowering cost and impact on environment

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: The majority of proposed cuts are in areas that make Auckland one of the most livable cities in the world. Also one of the kindest. Yes. Rate hikes are not kind. But neither is cutting funds to homeless or childcare youth centre programs. People live and love auckland because of it's wonderful assests. Both tangible and intangible. By removing funding for social and cultural assets, auckland becomes less vibrant, less caring, less rateable.

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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: Counties Manukau brought these shares to the super city in good faith to ensure the ongoing support and sustainability of its communities. If needs be reduce the share holding, but ensure the dividends are tagged South.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Make greater use of debt

Tell us why: This is exactly the right time to be making of most of the cities credit rating for ALL proposed capex, including storm response

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Needs to happen

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: Local boards are essential in this supercity. They need more support and authority, not less.

If funding for local board 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: Preferably none of these are cut

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: Cuts to public transport, due to needing more reasons to make it more efficient and a better option than driving personal cars.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Continue to invest in urban design that creates a resilient city in face of climate change. For instance, more vegetation to counter urban heat islands, more rain gardens and wetlands for storm water drainage, protecting watersheds by catching pollution 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: Regional services are important to the community, if these are reduced I think it would be detrimental so vulnerable citizens. Limiting public transport frequency as we try to make the move to more public transport use would deter people and we won't be able to make the mode shift needed to reduce our carbon. We need more investment in public transport and in regional service, especially those that protect vulnerable people.

Arts and culture is important to the community as is support with early childhood learning. These should be kept.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: I would have selected more than three. Community programmes are important especially youth programmes, protecting our waterways and restoring them must be maintained and community grants that go towards accommodation must remain so that people have the sup

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To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

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

Ōrākei Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Community leasing charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? Do not support

Tell us why:

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

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

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 local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: None of the reductions should go ahead as you are making life more complicated for all those who work, take public transport and rely on childcare so they can make a living for their children. We need to move away from this survival mode that every Aucklanders is going through and make life worth living. Auckland will soon become a ghost town and no one will want to live here.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Don't want people who don't live in Auckland to have a say on our infrastructure when they aren't directly effect by it

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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: No one will be able to live in Auckland if rates continue to increase

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?) Mowing service levels on reserves

Tell us why these are most important to you: Should mow the grass of those who can't physically cut their own reserve

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?)

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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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:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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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? 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

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 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?) Climate action and sustainability initiatives, Local community events, Parks planning and investigations

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community and accommodation grants, 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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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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- 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 find the framing of the consultation document appears to seek agreement for the limited alternative options (rate rises) through leading multiple-choice answers.

The breadth of work across tourism, economic development and socio-cultural amenities supported by Tataki Auckland Unlimited is vital for the future of our city. Similarly regional services and local board funded activities.

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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 makes a profit! And it’s an asset for our city and people moving forward. Don’t sell our assets so that profit can be siphoned offshore. Explore other options.

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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 - particularly for businesses - AND make more use of debt. There has to be a way forward without cutting our city off at the knees.

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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What do you think of these proposals? Whilst I acknowledge the challenge before Auckland to reduce the costs facing the Auckland Council through operational expenditure I do not consider that the Annual Budget documents provide a robust or comprehensive analysis of the possible options based

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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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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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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Cost changes in waste management, including: a) a 10.6 per cent base rate increase, b) an option for a new 80L bin in the former Auckland City Council and Manukau City Council areas (80L bin price will be \$143.71), and c) an increase to the 240L refuse bin price (from \$254.15 to \$287.41).	I don't know
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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? 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

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5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Reducing public transport will just worsen traffic in Auckland and affect its productivity. It will make people use their cars more, which will cause higher emissions and put pressure on increasing road lanes, which will just cost more money.

By reducing services toward economic development and tourism, the council will not save money in the long-term. These are investments that could generate money for Auckland (especially now that tourism is back) and should not be cut.

Reducing community services including homelessness funding is not a saving, it will drive poverty and crimes, which will cost more in other aspects.

ECE should be kept, as 1 million is such a small amount.

Overall, these proposals for reduced spending are extremely short-sighted and will cost us more in the near 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:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please think about the future of all of Auckland and not just the interests of a small number of people.

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not support reductions to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. Cultural tourism is an important source of revenue for the local economy, and major cultural events contribute to the local intellectual culture while placing New Zealand on the international stage. Cultural institutions also create microeconomies around them that can be jeopardized if funding is cut.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Generating revenue to reduce debt is important, but the government must maintain its shares at AIAL. Privatization of the airport can create serious problems for the city.

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: The rates increase will require everyone to participate in the alleviation 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: This is a priority.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The proposal seems sound, especially the non-mowing strategy.

If funding for local board 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: Arts and education are an integral part of the economy of this district. We should also encourage more biodiversity in the city.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Could alcohol or Tabasco be taxed? Can hotel reservations be taxed? Are there other taxes that can be imposed? Can the revenue generated by increased taxes be applied to the debt?

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? No, not at this time.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cutting funding to the arts will only exacerbate the decline of Auckland CBD. We need to support our cultural economy and especially the art museum, as this is an important resource for the public and a major draw for tourists.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The value of debt is insignificant in comparison with the social and well-being impacts the proposed cuts would create.

Of particular note, areas targeted are interconnected and the volume of cuts across these areas will decimate the ecology of our creative economy. There is a failure in elements of this council to clearly articulate the ecology workflows and these cuts are impacting a full pipeline of activity.

The live performance and events sector in particular are driving a post covid economy shift in both city centre and satellite communities and the decision to cut will not impact the next year but many years to come.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called “blocking stake”). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? Don’t change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The sale of shares as articulated above will not reduce the budget.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing 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: Essential services that include public transport (essential for environmental improvements) and arts and cultural institutions including libraries and art galleries (essential for well being, creativity).

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: Selling all shares could be detrimental in the future and can't be backtracked. A partial sale would be a safer option.

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: Proportionally raising rates will have more of an impact and given the proposed rates increase is relatively low, this still gives some room for movement.

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: I think we need to be realistic given the flooding and cyclone costs are unknown and this offers the most realistic and best option.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Services including libraries and public spaces, and programmes that protect and restore the natural environments and help mitigate climate change are key factors to the well being and health of the people and land in the Waitemata Local Board.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: The services provided by libraries (education, research, advice), art institutions and environmental restoration are vital to the well being and growth of the people and land in the Waitemata Local Board.

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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I think the budget cuts could be more balanced by increasing rates and not reducing core, essential services such as libraries, arts & cultural institutions and public transport.

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not cut from areas that are essential to the wellbeing of the people of Ak. Cut consultants and marketing and people who have meetings all day but change nothing

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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?) 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:

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What do you think of these proposals? Hard to know where to start but, for an example of bureaucratic waste, pool fencing inspections are excessive and irrational given we have kms of unfenced public waterways and seawalls.

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?

Prioritize the wellbeing of women and children and the longterm ecological sustainability of the city and you will create a great city.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Tell us why:

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Stop reducing access to Auckland CBD by road and car.

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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 support any of the proposed reductions, especially Tātaki Auckland facilities such as the Art Gallery, and other regional services/grants supporting the arts and public transport

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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: Do not support reducing the natural environment targeted rate or water quality targeted rate

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Climate resilience should be a top priority

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.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals? Do not support reducing climate action

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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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.

These services are ESSENTIAL to many people and to the quality of life of Aucklanders. Cutting services is a short-term, damaging decision which is NOT in the best interests of Auckland.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The sale of shares ensures a one-off return only - with all future possible opportunities for income lost.

Short-term gain is NOT in the best interest of Aucklanders.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Increased debt should be a serious consideration at this time of need, and following years of challenging economic circumstances.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** Other

Tell us why: I do NOT support cutting funding to local boards.

I understand that it is proposed that all environmental services provided by local boards will be cut, from around \$200,000 per local board to \$0. How can this be appropriate considering the recent floodin

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of these services require funding and NONE should have their budget cut.

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 suggest that the council could continue to investigate small additional charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our city.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Cutting the budget is lazy, short-term, and harmful to Aucklanders.

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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: 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? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I don't support this initiative

Investigate additional areas suitable for low-mow / no-mow programming to reduce emissions and maintenance costs and improve soil quality and biodiversity for non-recreational open spaces.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: As an Aucklanders who values the arts, culture and community I believe 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 community

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?

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? 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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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Waste of money on ego projects. Scrap them 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?) Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you: Keep the libraries open. The rest are a waste of money

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? All the advertising I keep getting is a waste. When I want to know anything I check the website. Fire the marketing people and scrap the budget.

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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? Scrap the food waste program too, and replace it with a pamphlet on the website how to compost.

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Stop letting your staff indulge crazy money wasting projects. Keep the libraries open and pick up the rubbish. Council shouldn't be running outdoor movie nights or composting my scraps.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 'I feel that there should be investment and growth in areas such as public transport (to meet our climate goals), and education and support for arts and educational centres, along with support for working families for subsidised childcare.

The only two that I feel that can go ahead without adding detriment to our society are:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council’s shares? 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 should be a part of Auckland, and the Council should have some say over the decisions that are made there.

3. Managing rates and debt

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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: There has been significant hikes in rates over the last couple of years already, with not much to show for it.

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don’t yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why: We should be fighting climate change and investing money into mitigation, rather than what would happen as a result of climate change.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: 'The only priorities I support out of the list are:

- Identify additional areas within parks and reserves for no-mow/low-mow
- Opening hours and services at libraries
- Grants

All the others are core parts to what make Auckland, Auckland. And it is incr

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland, Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitemata waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: It is incredibly important that we prioritise the restoration of our environment so that Auckland and NZ can help reduce emissions to mitigate climate related events.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Support

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: 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: These appear to be targeting services that would disproportionately impact people unable to fund equivalent alternatives themselves, or areas that impact the vibrancy of the city in general and the city would be worse for it. Also, these services would struggle to get re-established if and when the funding issues are resolved, so would most likely be a permanent loss.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: The airport is our gateway to the world, and if the council loses our voice (and influence) at the top level then we no longer have the ability for that gateway to be anything but a financially incentivised short term thinking entity. Additionally, these

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: We should also consider why reducing the rates on business is "fairier" as they have already factored the current rates into their business model. Expecting that reducing this cost will somehow see the savings flow back into the larger community for the

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The discussion here has largely avoided the internal costs of council - staffing, IT, property rent and rates, and the cost of running a council which assumes there are no savings to be had there.

It's also avoided discussions around development and grow

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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 should not cut art funds or regional funds. That is what keeps a community together and people in this city. Also early childhood learning is important.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What do you think of these proposals?

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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: Don't cut arts funding. Don't cut Citizens Advice Bureau

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support all priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Local community events, Library hours

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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.

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. The regional areas and and specificity of cultural, (historically)lower socio-economic suburbs and ethnic initiatives targeted show a pure lack of community awareness and privilege.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- 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?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Extremely concerned about proposals regarding libraries and the Arts in general losing funding. I think they are essential to a thriving city

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: Leave Auckland Airport to commercial interests

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
- Pausing our change to the split between business and residential rates. Under our current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) properties, so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer. Our proposal is to put this change on hold for one year

Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Need recovery for citizens

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, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please retain our library services, education is key in producing a healthy society

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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: I would not proceed with any of the proposed reductions. These cuts deeply concern me and the city I want my future children to grow up in. The above cuts will impact lower income individuals, families and children disproportionately when they need the help the most going into an economic period of uncertainty. The cuts will result in complete removal of culture and community facilities having negative social impacts on the Auckland community.

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: Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt. 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 r

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? Other

Tell us why: We should proceed with the proposed increases to rates and make greater use of debt. In addition, rate changes, including unfreezing the Water Quality Targeted Rate and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, will generate much needed revenue that can help

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: Investment in infrastructure is key given our current infrastructure deficit. More investment is the only way we will be able to create a safe environment for ourselves and our future generations to live.

5. Local Boards

Kaipātiki Local Board

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Tell us why: Cutting services will directly impact me and my community. Funding should not be reduced.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Youth programmes, Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: protecting our people and environments for future generations.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Community leasing charges, Parks programme volunteers, Local business support

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? Council could continue to investigate small additional charges on tourists to raise money to invest in the long-term economic development of our city

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Auckland Council should be investing now, now is the time to invest in communities and people – in tourism, public transport, the arts, and other social services. Investing in the city will bring revenue back.

To emphasise your point, you can draw on the

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Other

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

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?) Community development and support, Local community events, Programmes and activations in Epsom Community Centre

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Contestable local community grant rounds, Non-contestable local community group grants, Capital grants to sustain local community facilities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Contestable and non-contestable grants, Arts / community programmes and services, Funding support for youth activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Open space low mow / no mow areas, Charges relating to community leases and licences

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?) Discretionary local grants, Community delivery programmes e.g. school holiday and community garden programmes, Youth connection programme

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 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?) Discretionary community grants, Programmes and activations in community facilities, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding for arts centres and partners, Community programme delivery, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Howick Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Community facilities and services, Community programme delivery

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Kaipātiki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Funding arts and culture groups, Community programme delivery, Local community grants

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?): Parks and open space low / no mow areas, Community climate action and sustainability, Local business support

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you:

Rank	Proposed Priorities
5	Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers
4	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces

Rank	Proposed Priorities
3	Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
1	Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
2	Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Open space low / no mow areas, Temporarily or permanently close council venues and facilities, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm?

Manurewa Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Strategic partnerships and capacity building, Youth programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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, Environmental restoration and pest control activities, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Ōrākei 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 grants, Arts and culture programmes, Youth initiatives

Tell us why these are most important to you:

In the Mayoral Proposal, agreed by the Governing Body, the proposed reduction in operating costs would require the Ōrākei Local Board to find \$650,000 in savings in 2023/2024 from a discretionary budget of \$1.4 million. In the time frame available to us this discretionary budget is the only one we can access to make these savings. We have proposed where these savings might come from and how they would effect the activities and services we provide in our supporting information (pages 158-161)

.What do you think of the savings we've proposed across our activities and services? I don't know

Tell us why:

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you
1 = most important, 5 = least important)

Rank	Proposed Priorities
3	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
4	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
2	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
1	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
5	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants, Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking, Arts and culture programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Papakura Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Community programme delivery, Youth programmes

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Puketāpapa Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I 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 development and support, Mt Roskill Library hours, Local community centres

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Rodney Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support 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?) Grants for community groups / organisations, Community opening events for completed projects and funding for community-led events, Community centres programmes and subsidies for hall users

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Upper Harbour Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants, Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes, Library opening hours and services

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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 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, Community programme delivery, Community grants programme

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024? I support 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 facilities, services and activities, Local community grants, Community lease charges

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support 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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Whau Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts and culture activities and programmes, Library opening hours, Local community grants

Tell us why these are most important to you:

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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).	
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
Changes to other rates	
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	

What do you think of these proposals?

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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Submission to Annual Budget 2023/2024

Thank you for the chance to share our feedback on the "Annual Budget 2023/2024, AK have you day".

Asian Family Services is committed to the vision of "All people of Asian heritage and the background leading fulfilling and thriving lives in an equitable Aotearoa, New Zealand." This feedback is being submitted by Asian Family Services.

The focus of this submission

Asian Family Services has prepared this submission to contribute to the Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2023/2024, sharing our views on supporting Asian and ethnic minority populations. Our feedback is based on our over 20 years of experience providing these communities with mental health and wellbeing services.

Asian Population

The demographic landscape of New Zealand has undergone significant changes in recent years. According to the 2018 Census, over 27% of the population was born overseas, representing over 200 ethnicities. Among the population groups of Europeans, Māori, and Pasifika, the Asian and migrant communities are the fastest-growing. In 2018, the Asian population in New Zealand was 707,598, accounting for 15.1% of the total population, of which 358,650 were Asian women. It is projected that the Asian population will reach between 900,000 to 1.2 million by 2025 and is expected to comprise around 26% (approximately 1 in 4 residents) of the population by 2043.

At the 2018 Census, 29% (442, 674) of Auckland residents identified as Asian and Chinese, 11% as the largest sub-group followed by India 10%. Auckland will experience increasing ethnic diversity in the next few decades. The number of people in the broad Asian category is projected to increase by 439,900 between 2013 and 2038 to reach 788,800.

"Asian" in New Zealand encompasses various cultures and ethnicities, including those from Afghanistan, India, China, Japan, and Indonesia. Ethnic minority groups include MELAA, former refugees, and asylum seekers.

Auckland Council Financial Performance

In recent years, the Council has implemented a number of measures to address its financial situation, including a review of its operating costs, the introduction of targeted rates, and the sale of non-core assets. However, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Council's revenue streams has presented further financial challenges, and the Council has had to revise its budgets and plans accordingly. The Auckland Council have achieved cumulative operating cost savings of \$2.4 billion since their formation in 2010, and have worked towards greater efficiency targets.

While the Auckland Council has faced financial challenges since its formation in 2010, it is important to acknowledge the significant cost savings achieved through measures such as a review of operating costs and the sale of non-core assets. However, it is also crucial to focus on generating more investment by attracting talented individuals, rather than solely reducing costs. It is important not to overlook the progress made by the Council and to continue working towards greater efficiency and sustainable financial management.

Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009

The Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 outlines the decision-making responsibilities of the Auckland Council with regards to non-regulatory activities on an Auckland-wide basis. The council must prioritise the promotion of wellbeing across communities and allocate funds to local boards equitably to enhance the wellbeing of their respective areas. Additionally, the Act calls for the creation of a spatial plan to drive long-term growth and development in a way that supports Auckland's social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing.

Decision-making responsibilities of the Auckland Council under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009.

- The council must exercise decision-making responsibility for non-regulatory activities on an Auckland-wide basis if it will better promote the wellbeing of the communities across Auckland.
- The council must allocate funds to local boards in a way that provides an equitable capacity for enhancing the wellbeing of their local communities.
- The purpose of the spatial plan is to contribute to Auckland's social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing through a long-term strategy for growth and development.
- The Local Government Commission is responsible for resolving disputes related to the wellbeing of the communities of Auckland and the interests and preferences of affected local board areas.
- When making determinations, the commission must prioritise cost-effective measures that maximise the current and future wellbeing of local authorities and communities.

Wellbeing for Tamaki Makaurua

The Nga Hapori Momoho (Thriving Communities Strategy 2022-2023) developed by Auckland Council aims to focus on ensuring all communities in Tāmaki Makaurau can thrive, particularly those struggling due to rapid social change, COVID-19, and climate change. The strategy prioritises increasing financial security, improving health outcomes, increasing access and participation, growing community and intercultural connections, enabling local leadership and innovation, and increasing community resilience and sustainability. The strategy aims to achieve these goals over the next 10 years.

Balancing fiscal issues with community-led strategies can be challenging but it is important to find a way to do so in order to ensure the continued success and sustainability of community initiatives.

At Asian Family Services, we believe that fostering a sense of community is crucial, especially for the Asian and migrant populations. The proposed funding cuts to libraries, local boards, Citizen Advice Bureau and community organisations may pose significant challenges to helping these groups connect and may lead to increased social isolation. It's important to recognise that many communities and grassroots organisations rely on local board funding to support the wellbeing of local people, which ultimately contributes to overall community wellbeing. It's crucial to be mindful of these impacts and work to find alternative ways to support these essential services and activities that bring people together

Loneliness and Social Isolation among Asians and Migrants

Asians and migrants were also most likely to experience loneliness. The New Zealand General Social Survey (2018) found that when compared to Europeans, Asians were 1.4 times more likely to be lonely most or all the time (4.3% vs 3.0%), 1.6 times more likely to be lonely some of the time (19.2% vs 12.3%), and 1.1 times more likely to be lonely a little of the time (25.0% vs 22.8%). Those who have recently migrated to New Zealand had a greater likelihood of being lonely than most other immigrants.

We know people from China and India in the past found it much harder to make friends even after spending three years in New Zealand. Unfortunately, one in five Chinese immigrants may still not have made any friends. Due to Covid-19, this issue is often exacerbated. Asian people are, in general, experiencing higher incidences of prolonged loneliness. Indian communities have the most pronounced experiences of loneliness¹.

Gambling Harm in Auckland

The prevalence of problem gambling among Asian communities in New Zealand is a significant issue that often goes unnoticed. Many Asians who engage in gambling at Skycity Casino suffer from social isolation and a lack of support. Asians who experience gambling harm often do not seek early intervention due to low health literacy or being unfamiliar with the health system in New Zealand. The Asian group is 9.5 times more likely to experience gambling harm than the European/Other group. The consequences of problem gambling are far-reaching and can lead to decreased health, emotional or psychological distress, financial harm, reduced work or educational performance, relationship disruption, and criminal activity. The harm caused by problem gambling affects not only the gambler but also their families, friends, workmates, businesses, and the community at large. The Asian Family Services treated 5666 clients between 2015 and 2020, 63% of whom identified as Chinese, 16% Korean, 9% South Asian, and 12% other Asian. They were presented with suicidal risk, financial hardship, and severe depressive and anxiety symptoms due to problem gambling. Casinos are a primary mode of problematic gambling among Asian clients, with table games being a significant draw. For some new migrants, gambling can be seen as part of the 'kiwi culture' due to easy accessibility, prevalence, and legality. Gambling addiction often results in loss of funds, personal and family debt, anxiety, loss of work or business, and borrowing from loan sharks, causing anxiety regarding personal and family safety.

Mental Health in Aotearoa

Mental health is crucial to the overall health of New Zealanders, with 1 in 5 adults aged 15 years and over diagnosed with a mood and anxiety disorder. The proportion of New Zealanders with high levels of mental distress is increasing, especially among 15 to 24-year-olds. Asian Family Services advocates for the Ministry to prioritise the wellbeing of the ethnic population, with the concept of wellbeing as the overarching priority. The Youth19 Rangatahi Smart Survey found that a third of East Asian students and a third of East and South Asian girls experienced significant depressive symptoms, with some reporting mistreatment by health professionals due to their ethnicity.

The New Zealand Asian Wellbeing & Mental Health Report 2021ⁱⁱ reveals that Asians, particularly those under 30, have a higher risk of depression, with almost half of Asians having limited knowledge of available mental health services. Asians are also more likely to experience loneliness, especially Indian communities. Social rejection on arrival in New Zealand, including racism and difficulty making friends, can cause physical pain. Covid-19 has added to the economic and mental health difficulties of recent migrants in New Zealand, with concerns about not being able to return home, a recession, discrimination, the health system being overloaded, and increased mental distress.

A feedback consultation from Welcoming Communities Programme

During a presentation on the Welcoming Communities programme, questions were asked about how the programme would be delivered, and whether community groups could be considered as a source of information for research purposes. General feedback included that the initiative was good and provided an opportunity to improve access to information for newcomers, but there was concern

about the resourcing of a coordinator and a need to involve Māori organisations in the development of the Welcoming Communities plan. Employment, volunteering, language, access to information, access to services, and cultural awareness were also discussed, with suggestions made for addressing issues such as systemic racism in employment, the need for cultural sensitivity and awareness raising, and the importance of translation of information. Participants also emphasised the importance of catering for people's needs through the settlement process, and ensuring that cultural teachings are introduced at the right time.

When budgets are cut for community initiatives, libraries, and other services, the consequences can be severe. Libraries, for example, are often seen as the heart of a community, providing access to educational resources, technology, and cultural programs. Cutting library budgets can lead to reduced hours, fewer materials and services, and potential closures. This can have a detrimental effect on community members, particularly those who rely on the library for access to information and resources they may not have elsewhere.

Similarly, cutting budgets for community initiatives can lead to reduced services and support for vulnerable populations, including youth, elderly, and low-income families. This can impact their ability to access necessary resources and support, and can contribute to increased isolation, poverty, and poor health outcomes.

Libraries, a community hub

The Auckland City Libraries provide a range of essential services and facilities that contribute to the well-being of individuals and the community. While volunteers play an invaluable role in libraries, evidence from overseas suggests that volunteer-run libraries often struggle to maintain services, particularly in less-affluent communities. Public libraries require both trained staff and volunteers to function effectively. In the UK, the number of volunteer-run libraries has increased as local councils look to reduce costs, resulting in variable quality of provision and unresolved questions about accountability, liability, and long-term viability. Trained staff are essential to connect people to the information, materials, and support they need for learning, leisure, and well-being. Libraries are not just "nice to have" but meet important community needs, and their spaces are free, open, and accessible to all. The government should provide sustainable funding for libraries' and librarians' expanding roles, which include the go-to place for help with digital government services and technology skills support. Volunteers are a valuable supplement to a trained, skilled workforce, not an alternative. The transition from a transactional to a programmatic model of library services, which requires significant staff time and expertise, cannot be maintained by volunteers.

Community-led initiatives are important to a community for several reasons:

Community-led initiatives are a powerful tool for empowering community members and creating positive change. By giving community members a voice in identifying and addressing their own needs and concerns, these initiatives allow for ownership of the issues that matter most to them. In turn, this leads to better engagement and collaboration among community members, resulting in more effective solutions and improved outcomes. Additionally, community-led initiatives build trust and foster positive relationships between community members and organisations or institutions, ultimately strengthening the fabric of the community. In this way, community-led initiatives have the potential to make a lasting impact on communities and individuals alike

- Empowerment: Community-led initiatives empower community members by giving them a voice in identifying and addressing their own needs and concerns. It allows community members to take ownership of the issues that matter most to them.

- Better engagement: Community-led initiatives encourage better engagement and participation from community members, leading to more active involvement and collaboration in addressing community issues. This, in turn, creates a stronger sense of community and connection among its members.
- Improved outcomes: Community-led initiatives tend to be more effective in addressing community issues because they are developed and implemented with input from the people who are most affected by them. This approach can lead to better outcomes and more sustainable solutions.
- Increased trust: Community-led initiatives build trust and foster positive relationships between community members and organisations or institutions. When community members are involved in decision-making processes, they feel heard and valued, leading to greater trust in those who are leading the initiative.

Citizen Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) plays a vital role in communities by providing free, independent, and impartial advice and support to individuals on various issues. Here are some reasons why it is essential to keep the Citizens Advice Bureau:

- Access to information and support: CAB offers guidance on a wide range of issues, including legal matters, housing, employment, benefits, consumer rights, immigration, and more. This access to accurate and up-to-date information is crucial for individuals seeking help with everyday problems.
- Empowerment: By providing accurate information and advice, CAB empowers individuals to make informed decisions and take appropriate actions to resolve their issues. This empowerment can improve their overall well-being and help them navigate complex systems and situations.
- Advocacy: CAB staff and volunteers advocate for the rights and interests of their clients. They can help individuals communicate with third parties, such as government agencies or employers, and provide support during negotiations or disputes.
- Bridging the gap: CAB serves as a bridge between individuals and the resources or services they need. Many people may not know where to turn for help or may feel overwhelmed by complicated systems. CAB can connect them with the appropriate services and ensure they receive the assistance they need.
- Social inclusion: CAB helps vulnerable and marginalized individuals by providing them with equal access to information and support. This promotes social inclusion and helps create more equitable communities.
- Community cohesion: By addressing individual issues and concerns, CAB contributes to the overall well-being of the community. The support and advice provided by CAB can help reduce stress, prevent conflicts, and improve the quality of life for community members.
- Cost-effective solution: The support and advice provided by CAB can help individuals avoid costly legal fees or other expenses associated with resolving issues. This can save both individuals and the community money in the long run.

- Volunteering opportunities: CAB relies heavily on the contributions of volunteers, providing individuals with opportunities to give back to their community, gain valuable experience, and develop new skills.

Investment in wellbeing programme

Investing in social wellbeing programmes from council is important to the Asian and migrant community because it can help address the mental health and wellbeing needs of this community. Studies have shown that Asians and migrant populations, experience higher levels of mental distress and are less likely to access mental health services due to stigma and lack of awareness of available services. Additionally, these communities are more likely to experience loneliness, social rejection, and discrimination, which can further impact their mental health and wellbeing. Investing in social wellbeing programmes can help provide support and resources to address these issues and improve the overall wellbeing of these cohort. It can also help promote social inclusion and community connectedness, which are important for the mental health and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

It's important not to underestimate the significant impact of community groups and their vital role in addressing the needs of their communities. While it's essential to balance the budget, it's equally crucial to support these groups to continue providing essential services to the people who need them. Many of these groups have worked hard to build trust within their communities, and funding cuts risk setting them back for at least 2 to 5 years, if not more. It's essential to recognize the time and effort that goes into building these groups and the trust of the communities they serve. Cutting funding may have a significant impact on their ability to recover and continue providing essential services.

There are numerous benefits of community service. It emphasizes connects people to their community and helps them make a positive impact which can benefit an individual's mental and physical health, provide valuable career experience, and bring fun and fulfillment to communities.

Summary

In recent years, New Zealand has experienced significant demographic changes, with the Asian and migrant communities being the fastest-growing. As of 2018, the Asian population accounted for 15.1% of the total population, and it is projected to reach between 900,000 to 1.2 million by 2025. Auckland, in particular, has a growing Asian population, with 29% of residents identifying as Asian in the 2018 Census.

The Auckland Council faces financial challenges, having implemented various measures to address its situation, including a review of operating costs, targeted rates, and the sale of non-core assets. Despite the impact of COVID-19, the Council has achieved cumulative operating cost savings of \$2.4 billion since 2010.

Under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009, the Council has decision-making responsibilities concerning non-regulatory activities on an Auckland-wide basis. Its priorities include promoting wellbeing across communities, allocating funds equitably to local boards, and creating a spatial plan to support Auckland's social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing.

Auckland Council's Nga Hapori Momoho (Thriving Communities Strategy 2022-2023) aims to ensure all communities in Tāmaki Makaurau can thrive, with a focus on financial security, health outcomes, community connections, local leadership, and resilience. However, proposed funding cuts to essential community services may pose challenges for Asian and migrant populations, potentially leading to

increased social isolation. It is important to find alternative ways to support these services and activities that contribute to community wellbeing.

The New Zealand General Social Survey (2018) found that Asians and migrants are more likely to experience loneliness compared to Europeans. Mental health is a crucial concern, with 1 in 5 adults aged 15 years and over diagnosed with a mood or anxiety disorder. Asians, particularly those under 30, have a higher risk of depression, and many are unaware of available mental health services.

The Asian community also faces issues related to gambling harm, with Asians being 9.5 times more likely to experience gambling harm than the European/Other group. Problem gambling can lead to severe consequences for the individuals, their families, and communities.

Investing in social wellbeing programmes is essential for the Asian and migrant community, as it helps address their mental health needs and promotes social inclusion. Libraries and community initiatives play a vital role in supporting these populations, and budget cuts can have detrimental effects on the services they provide. Community-led initiatives empower community members, encourage engagement, improve outcomes, and build trust. The Citizens Advice Bureau is essential for providing accessible, impartial advice and support to individuals in need. Its services empower people, promote social inclusion, and contribute to community well-being. Keeping CAB available ensures that communities have a vital resource for navigating everyday challenges and finding solutions to their problems.

It is important to balance budgets while continuing to support essential community services and ensuring the wellbeing of the Asian and migrant communities.

Asian Family Services

Asian Family Services is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that provides mental health and gambling harm support services to people of Asian backgrounds. Our gambling harm services are funded by the Te Whatu Ora and the gambling levy, and we also operate an Asian helpline for clients seeking immediate mental health support. Our services are offered face-to-face by qualified counsellors, psychologists, social workers, and public health practitioners who speak various Asian languages, including Cantonese, English, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Thai, and Vietnamese. Our staff are registered with professional organisations as per the Ministry of Health and Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act.

AFS has been serving the Asian community for over 20 years and is well-known and trusted for its strong public health program. In 2017, we started the Asha service, which provides support to South Asians impacted by harmful gambling and raises awareness of the issue in the community. We also offer non-gambling related counseling through our Asian Wellbeing Services.

We are also piloting a new service, Digi Language Support (DLS) Services, which provides a self-service booking system for primary and community care agencies to access telehealth language support services. Additionally, we use our website and social media platforms, including Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, and WeChat, to share mental health and addiction information and resources in Asian languages and promote our services nationwide.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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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?)

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: I would not proceed with reduction of services such as community, education, arts & culture programs as well as funding for homelessness and youth.

Local board & childhood services.

The thought is horrendous that the impact of this would see more mental illness, depression, social anxiety & isolation.

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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: Again, the expectation you have on people without taking into consideration the current climate of multiple job loss in families, increase in cost of living, increase in cost of food. The impact on peoples well being and the extent these things alone on

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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: The fact that the proposal is an after thought which is now placed on the people when the government should have ensured we were future proofed prior to the devastation.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transport is already woefully inadequate in our city - we urgently need to invest in buses and public transport workers to reduce our carbon footprint and make getting to school and work something that's not only possible for people who can afford cars, or afford to live in the central suburbs.

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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 - once they are gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Council should 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 es

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Tell us why: Me and my whānau lost our rental due to flooding damage - we ended up being yellow-stickered by Council on a Friday night, two days before Cyclone Gabrielle (look into what happened to all the units in Dovedale Place, Parnell). There was no emergency accomodation

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Tell us why: I think the #1 focus needs to be on climate resilience and emissions reduction work, with the #2 focus being community programmes and facilitating connection and well-being for those living in these areas. If there has to be a choice, climate work is more

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Obviously we need to try to prevent/mitigate future climate events, but when these (or other disaster events) do happen, people need to have community connections to keep themselves and others safe. We need to ensure that no one is left behind.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Don't need any fancy events for the rich people in Ponsonby - avoid those

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What do you think of these proposals? I support more investment in buses, walking and cycleways.

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Climate action is vital. We will die without it. I would rather we were in debt than dead.

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Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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Do not proceed with public transport reductions. We need a regular, reliable public transport system. Increase parking fees, increase parking fines, increase the number of parking fines (there is a lot of illegal parking that goes unfined). Put in congestion charging in the city. There are lots of ways to help fund regular, reliable public transport; such a public transport system is the foundation of any modern society.

Do not proceed with Local Board funding reductions. Things should be becoming more local, not less local. Local Boards are an important focus of communities and community activity. They give communities a way to be connected and involved - we need connection and involvement!

Do not proceed with regional services reductions. Save money by closing Auckland Zoo to exotic (non-native) animals - return them to countries that have their natural habitats. Zoos are a Victorian era hangover where we contain weird animals to gawk at them, really not a lot has changed here. Zoos need to be kept only for native animal hospitals and rehabilitation. Anything else is an egregious misuse of public money.

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Tell us why: We need to keep a stake in the airport - to give up control of this would be madness. Is it costing us more that it is returning to us in a way that any shares fluctuate? Or is it likely to be a not very good investment in the long term?

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Tell us why: Set a slightly higher rates increase (about \$5 per week) 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: Extreme weather events will only become more common, we need to be prepared. However, It makes absolutely no sense to increase the budget here while cutting the budget on public transport - climate emissions from transport are about 50% of Auckland's clim

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Tell us why: The number of people in need in the central city area is immense and growing. Over Covid lockdown times, people with high needs have been moved into inner city apartments, there is also a visible increase in the number of people with high needs hanging ar

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Do not pit community priorities against each other like this - would you ask me which of my children I would choose to feed if I had to?

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What do you think of these proposals? Regarding split of the base service rate - why would you have the option of non-residential properties to opt out of council's recycling service and associated targeted rate? What kinds of businesses are creating no recyclable waste??

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Fairness and equality is important to me. How about we tie the Mayor and Chief Executive's pay to that of the local economy - e.g. they can be paid no more than X times the amount of the mean income of residents.

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Rates should be means tested making the wealthiest pay FAR MORE than the poor, and simple methods put in place (rather than hoops and hurdles) for the struggling ones to pay FAR LESS

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 recommendations and viewpoint on Economics made by Simon Wilson bin Herald article March 28 2023

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?) Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream, Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: All of the above -

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Re funding allocation - Take a bit off evenly across the board. And use the best possible leadership skills to properly inform people of why we all need to tighten our belts (ie because of the climate drama pending)

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

When I read Simon Wilson's Herald article this morning (24. 3 2023) I felt in agreement with pretty much everything he said. Esp his aghast reaction to leaving LGNZ . Reverse that decision if you possibly can please Mayor Wayne Brown

Why is no one men

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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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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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: We 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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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Community support such as homelessness, CAB etc should continue to be supported. As a home owner I prefer to have my rates increased

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is an asset

And I do not want further privatization

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Why increase debt when you are trying to cut it?

Save money by stopping all non essential programmes, eg the inner city rail link and Victoria st green corridor. Great projects as are many other projects to do with rail especially but not essential. Feedi

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Money is needed to address the neglect to infrastructure in the marginalised areas most impacted by the climate crisis. Weather patterns have changed, Aotearoa has not reduced carbon emissions as needed eg electric transport does not reduced carbon emissi

5. Local Boards

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Tell us why: I have highlighted South Auckland because it is a community where many Maori, Pacifica and migrants of colour live. Nearly 3 million of the proposed cuts are proposed for these already marginalised, lower socio-economic areas. I do not support any cuts in

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
4	Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
2	Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
3	Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
5	Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Protection and restoration of local waterways, Temporarily or permanently close council venues and facilities, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: The climate crisis is here and needs to take priority and this includes using community facilities to support the most impacted and most impoverished

How do you think we could support our communities to be better prepared and resilient to extreme weather events like the recent Auckland storm? We must recognise unconscious bias in decision making and stop it. South Auckland and West Auckland faced damage much more severe because of lack of maintenance and upkeep in their storm water infrastructure and council decisions to allow buildings in fl

Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why: I think the writing of the plans for the South Auckland areas is disingenuous and the proposed cut will damage and end many of the projects important to people

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Potential closure of local facilities, Strategic partnerships and capacity building, Protection and restoration of local waterways, environmental education, community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you: For almost the reasons written above

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Tell us why: For all the reasons above.....stop/suspend capital projects that are not essential to people's survival and well-being and leave community funding as is

Please rank our proposed local board priorities from most to least important to you
1 = most important, 5 = least important)

Rank	Proposed Priorities
2	Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods
3	Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection
4	Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors
5	Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use
1	Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment

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Tell us why these are most important to you: As above

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What do you think of these proposals? Waste Management rates changes. Dupport A and Cdo not think this year is the time for council to be buying new bins

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Am aware that council has targeted the Total Mobility public transport for cuts. It is a clear breach of human rights. It is a minor...very minor branch of our public transport system that enables public transport for a group of people that cannot navigat

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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: No reduction in funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services; the cuts to Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs), or the proposal to halve Local Board discretionary spending which may result in cuts to library hours, grants, events, environmental projects, Movies in Parks, Anzac Day services, community gardens support, youth funding and much more.

Do not support cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's facilities and services: the Auckland Art Gallery, the ZOO, the Maritime Museum; Auckland Live; the Bruce Mason Centre and the Stadiums

Support unfreezing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates,

Do not support proposals to permanently cancel many hundreds of buses a week nor the proposal to increase the costs of public transport fares.

Do not support the proposed spending reductions. The reduction in funding will have a long term negative impact on community well-being, safety and resilience and does not respond to the climate emergency.

Request council maximise alternative sources of funding such as increasing on street parking charges and the introduction of charges at Park & Rides.

The PCC Board does not pay rates therefore felt it could not answer on rate increases or other wise.

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Tell us why: Team was divided here. Either no sales at all and the minority felt they could not answer on this. Also as speaking at PCC Board some felt perhaps we should only answer on community issues.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: The PCC Board is not a rate paying so majority felt we should not answer on this. However there agreement on not cutting services and funding and if any cuts were to be made should only be done following an in depth 10 year budget long term plan and cost

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Madness not to invest in stormwater infrastructure in the light of what has happened in Auckland and NZ due to climate change

We must improve Council's ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impacts. This will be enhanced by ensuring

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: WLB is very community centred and responds and supports its very diverse communities. Also the priorities very much geared to creating community resilience in the Waitemata Local Board area. We, PCC Board supports all 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: PCC Board could not agree on most important 3. Felt all were important. We do not want to see any reduction in Local Board funding. This would lower the Local Boards ability to speak and act on behalf of its communities which is the very essence of wh

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? Do not support Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established only last year with overwhelming public support. It should be used to improve and increase services rather than diverted to reduce costs to Auckland Transport.

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?

We would like to speak to our submission.

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Your local board: Waitematā

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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: NOT to reduce public transport – I rely on public transport, Auckland's public transport needs to be improved and increased, not reduced. It is currently embarrassing on a global scale and the thought of reducing it is ridiculous.

NOT to reduce funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited – New Zealand is already losing its culture and recreation spaces – It is embarrassing to live in such a soulless city and Auckland should be doing better.

NOT to reduce regional services such as community and education programmes – New Zealand and Auckland is a global embarrassment in terms of its lack of culture, education, and social services. Reducing this would only further increase that.

NOT to reduce regional contestable grants – Auckland already feels soulless – these events bring a sense of community.

NOT to reduce early childhood services – are we really so desperate and wanton as a city that this needs to be reduced? This was supposed to be the future.

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? 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:

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: Given not much seems to be being done about the climate crisis – I guess we can expect more storms. So, we should probably prepare for them.

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: It is just and right.

If funding for local board 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:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

New Zealand and Auckland are becoming increasingly individualised – I feel supporting these issues may be easier if effort were put into changing New Zealand's and Auckland's branding to focus on communities striving for excellence. Squabbling over these

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shut.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: If the budget is really in trouble, then a partial sale will help alleviate rate increases.

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: Everything is costing more and more. Auckland deserves to be looked after, and cutting services will take us backwards.

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: This is standard and good to have in the budget.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Its important that this area remains vital and alive, and progressive.

If funding for local board 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: 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 is your preference on the proposed operating 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 of the proposed reductions. There is no benefit, rather a lot to be lost for the wellbeing (social, cultural and economic) for our community.

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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: Please stop cancelling buses and cultural events.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Do not support
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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: 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. Art, music and theatre are so important for community spirit and mental health.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

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towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

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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 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?) 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: Art are very important to our community and we need them properly funded for community spirit and people's mental health

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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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the introduction of entry charges to the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki. All evidence shows this results in damage to the gallery through reduced visitor numbers and reduced commercial revenue from other gallery-based services.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Please do not cut funding to the arts in particular the art gallery.

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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. Art is important to our community and everyone's wellbeing and mental health.

Cuts already proposed to the Gallery's operating budget leaves it with a bare bones operating budget of \$9.5m pa, after shared TAU services fees are deducted. This is compared to \$32.2m and \$18.6m that Auckland Museum and MOTAT received in full respectively in 2022-2023. This imbalance between the city's major cultural institutions leads to a great loss for the city – of tangata/people, of access to and care of the art taonga/treasures and of the future creation of culture in Aotearoa. And, unbelievably, TAU is expected to propose even more cuts.

The tangata/people at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki believe deeply in the significance of art to impact our everyday lives. Their knowledge and experience cannot easily be replaced. Highly skilled in developing outstanding visual art exhibitions, public programmes and valuable archives, they provide stimulation, education and well-being for all who visit the gallery. Close to 500,000 will visit in 2023. (MOTAT, 2022: 100,554 visits, Museum, 2022: 488,553 visits)

As kaitiaki/guardians, skilled visual art specialists care for the Gallery's irreplaceable collection. The 17,000 artworks are our national treasure, owned by the citizens of Auckland, with national and international importance. As a leader, the Gallery then attracts bequests, gifts and long term loans.

Entry charges do not work. There is plenty of data from independent researchers to demonstrate that the introduction of entry charges to the Gallery in 2018/19 caused significant harm for the gallery – around 30% less visitors, 60% less people joining guided tours and significant losses for the Gallery's other income revenue offerings, such as the shop and the café.

We strongly advocate for Council to recognise how vital it is to support the very core of the human creative spirit in the city through the work of the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. The Gallery provides opportunities for people to understand and celebrate who they are, were, and might be. A well-resourced public gallery is at the heart of a city's creative economy and can lead change for our future. We need to be able to re-imagine that new future, for our communities and cities as creativity is fast becoming one of the most influential forces driving today's global environment. The Gallery plays a vital role in enabling Auckland Council to achieve its goals for the four well-beings, social, cultural, environmental and economic, to support a creative, flourishing city.

The Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is a world class public art gallery where creative talents can shine –let it grow and flourish through an equitable and sustainable funding partnership between Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Council.

"We need to build a city where the creative talents of all people are used to foster personal, social and economic fulfilment. Culture delivers identity, provides inspiration and delivers creative opportunities for everyone. Isn't this a major aspiration for local and central government?" Robert Gardiner ONZM, CNZM, founder of the Chartwell Trust.

Yours sincerely,



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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: Culture and Arts Funding

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not proceed with:

Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited,

Reducing regional services,

Reducing local board funded activities, and

Reducing regional contestable grants.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

I am an Aucklander who values the arts, culture and community. In February 2022 I moved to Auckland from Wellington. I was reluctant to move as I loved Wellington's art and music scene. However, Auckland has proven even more vibrant and I love living here because of the wonderful range of arts, culture and music events it has on offer. Budget cuts to the arts scene is a terrible idea and will do nothing for Auckland's economy or reputation.

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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: It is vital that Auckland invests in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events. These events will only continue to be more severe and more frequent as the climate continues to warm.

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 but I do not support the reduced funding across all local boards. 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 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

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What do you think of these proposals? I have concerns with Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established just last year with overwhelming public support. I strongly support more investment in buses, walking, and cycleways.

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: All of them. These are all things a flourishing society should have.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: It is a long-term loss for the sake of a short-term gain.

Commentators have also suggested that this is a bad time to sell shares, at a low point in the market.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: With regards to the split in rates between business and residential rates -- increase the rates of business properties so that they are more than for residential properties, and include farms as a business.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: The floods are climate change in action, we must base our infrastructure around preventing it and managing its effects.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: These are all important priorities, but the funding for services referred to in question 1 are more important and should not have sight lost of them.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) 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: Libraries are one of the most fundamental things a flourishing society should have.

Waterways are one of the most important parts of the environment to protect, and pests are one of the most important things to protect the environment from.

All of these

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control, Community climate action and sustainability

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programmes and activations in community facilities, Funding and grants for arts centres and partners, Protection and restoration of local waterways, and ecological volunteers in parts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration and pest control activities

Tell us why these are most important to you:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?) Programming at Te Oro, Oranga and Onehunga Community and Arts Centres, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration and pest control activities

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

Waitākere Ranges 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 culture facilities and events, Environmental activities e.g. pest control and wildlife protection on west coast beaches, Parks volunteers and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	I don't know

What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Support the arts

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not maintain reduced service for public transport.

Increase pricing for Tataki Auckland Unlimited managed sites.

Reduce regional services by \$8 mil.

Reduce local board funded activities by \$5 mil.

Do not cut early childhood education.

Increase general rates by an additional 3%.

Do not increase 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? I don't know

Tell us why: Why does current ownership of the airport cost money?

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Increase average general rates by 10%.

No change to NETR or WQTR.

Increase business rates to at/near residential rates.

Do not increase debt.

Pause all non-time-sensitive capital expenditures.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Other

Tell us why: Respond to urgent repairs/replacements.

Delay changes to/new investments.

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, 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 City Center Library is a hub of activity, both inside and out, and serves as a valuable community building space.

The ecological integrity and beauty of Waitematā - indeed, all of Auckland and Aotearoa - serve to increase property values and are crucial

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Some community activities are more poorly attended than others. Some cuts can undoubtedly be made.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals? Savings can be made on the food scraps program by shifting some funding to community composting hubs. This would serve the triple function of saving money, better utilizing underused public spaces, and producing high quality soil (and possibly methane fuel)

7. What else is important to you?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: I feel that Aucklanders should have a say in how critical infrastructure like airports serves them - keep Council as a shareholder and increase rates package.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: I would like to pay a bit more to be able to keep the services that I expect to see around Auckland City.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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I have seen through media that selling of golf courses could potentially raise significant funding - I think a partial or full selloff should be considered.

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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: Any, all the proposals are terrible for the quality of life of Auckland's citizens.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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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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 do you think of these proposals?

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Tell us why: "Programme, activation and staff presence at Council operated arts and community centres (Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū)."

I support Option 2 over Option 1 to offer a smaller programme and continue to allow the centres to continue to offer

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Tell us why these are most important to you: "Community Delivery, Events, Grants" - I do not support the reduction of funding towards community delivery, events and grants. Auckland has continued to feel the effects of Covid, natural disasters and while it's easy to cast aside arts and cultural even

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Many of our artists, arts organisations and facilities are currently engaged in the process of recovery and rebuilding from COVID-19. The sector's survival through the pandemic has been largely funded by central government. This funding ends over the comi

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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: A city is judged by its ability to provide and support:

1. Safety
2. Public facilities and services
3. Culture
4. Public transport

The council currently seems prepared to abrogate its responsibility in most of these areas.

Culture needs support. At present, Auckland has a world-class orchestra (the APO) and a moderate theatrical presence, both dependent to some extent on support from its population through the council. Abolish our support and the arts will not recover for years, if at all. Young people will miss out on the opportunities to experience culture and the standard of

our community will deteriorate. If we want to have good artistic standards and hopes for the future of our city, it is essential to support the arts, whatever the financial cost.

Similarly with community facilities such as the museum, the art gallery and the zoo. We want people to experience our history, to learn the value of art, to appreciate our responsibilities to the animal kingdom and to environmentalism. To charge them more for these experiences is not going to be encouraging at all. It will merely put these facilities out of the reach of much of the community. Think of the future, not of the saving of short-term dollars. The council is here to serve the community, not to charge so much for facilities so that only a minority can afford them.

One of the most wonderful institutions in the city is the Citizens' Advice Bureau. It grants to the oppressed the possibility of redress against the privileged, or even just the possibility of discussing difficult situations with somebody who can offer help and support or who knows where they might be available. I read that the council proposes to withdraw all support to that inestimably helpful organisation, and that is likely to cause its demise. What is the council thinking? Take away what little support the people have and ensure that they remain powerless against those with money and influence. I am shocked that this should be thought to be a suitable way of cutting costs.

Public transport needs to be reliable and reasonably priced. Auckland's transport is temporarily reasonably priced. Here was a golden opportunity to increase patronage. However, that opportunity has been missed because of the lack of reliability. At present, we have four types of buses. There are some that come, and, on occasions, on time. Then there are those which are permanently cancelled. The third type is cancelled at short notice and the final type is listed on arrival boards, but never shows up (presumably so that the operator can claim that the bus actually ran, and avoid any penalties thereby). Who wants to use a service like that? Of course, patronage is not increasing substantially, for reliability is paramount to a public service. The council's answer to this situation is to leave the currently cancelled buses cancelled in perpetuity and thereby save money. No, that is not the answer. That will lose more money. Run the services reliably and at a reasonable cost and people will use them, generating revenue and reducing losses, at the same time as producing a genuine public service.

On the same theme, Auckland wishes to regard itself as a tourist destination. What happens when one of our many visitors gets on a bus? He cannot use that bus because his cash is no longer accepted and he has no idea where to purchase a Hop Card, nor much inclination to do so for his one-day visit. Why are we discouraging people so strongly from using public transport? Do we want to abolish it altogether and have everybody driving round in polluting cars which can hardly move for the congestion? What are we thinking of? What is the council thinking of in wanting to reduce bus services, foolishly believing that this is a way of saving money? How short-sighted!

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Tell us why: At first sight, it seems appealing to save \$87 million per year, but this is a misleading figure, as the council must realise. The wording above says that this figure is greater than the earnings from dividends, so the council knows that it is misleading

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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 7% increase represents an increase at the current rate of inflation and can be justified by that alone. However, we have debt and the longer we have that, the more we shall pay in the long run (in interest) without getting any benefit from that extra pa

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Tell us why: If we need to do this, we must do it. We must pay and be prepared - but use the money wisely. Do not squander it. The council has responsibility to ratepayers for its policies. Please remember that responsibility.

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Tell us why: Not enough information.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: These raise the standard of our community. They keep people occupied and out of mischief, and they provide opportunities for self-improvement.

However, perhaps it is best to think of minimising reductions, because most of the above benefit our community.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Almost certainly, but I do not have enough information to know well. Efficiency is probably the key.

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There is a need to raise more funds. We live in a city polluted and congested by motor traffic, where the motor vehicle is king, even as we speak of our environmentalism. The motor vehicle needs to be taxed and fined and gradually pushed into retreat.

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My personal take as a creative leader within a large Australasian Design Studio working around the world: I know first hand how important our creative culture is to not only our communities, but our businesses. To underestimate the impact of creative arts and culture on the commercial success of Auckland is an oversight and misleading. All eyes are on us following the pandemic, and NZ has the opportunity to be leaders in co-design, sustainable design, indigenous collaboration and creative impact. Reducing funding in this space will reduce accessibility, negate our reach as an international benchmark, dishearten our talent, and become a mark against our international brand Aotearoa. And it is no coincidence that Tamaki is at the heart of this - our first international city, already on the world map with the likes of Commercial Bay, bringing life back to midtown Auckland, Karangahape being named one of the greatest streets in the world. Our featuring in international music, art and culture media. Now is the time to bite the bullet and launch ourselves overseas to help bolster our economy and brand.

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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: Global warming waits for no one. Let's do what we can to at least stay on top of the ball.

5. Local Boards

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling. Arts and culture needs to be a part of this.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community events, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Arts and culture initiatives

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. Arts and culture needs to be a part of this.

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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 Tataki Auckland Unlimited, regional services, local board funded activities, or regional contestable grants. I do not support these cost reductions. The impact of these reductions will negatively impact the whole of Auckland's economy, and cause serious harm to our cultural, art and community services.

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Tell us why: our shares in Auckland Airport are about to start turning a profit, and Auckland Airport is one of, if not the most important piece of transport infrastructure our city has. It is frankly an insane idea for the Auckland Council to have zero stake in such

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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 in Auckland are not particularly high per person, and increasing rates for the money to be reinvested in Auckland will return a net benefit for Aucklanders. Rates on commercial properties should be increased at a higher rates than those on residenti

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What is your preference on our proposal to 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 contributed to the Auckland Anniversary floods, and will only make severe weather events like that more common and more severe. This is money very well spent, and will pay off if it is invested wisely in preparing us for future storms.

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Environmental investment is so important for the wellbeing of people in our community, and is vital to prevent the disastrous flooding that hit on Auckland Anniversary Weekend. I believe none of the listed programmes should be cut, but community restoration

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Sell the golf courses. They are used by a tiny minority of the wealthiest of Aucklanders, occupy land that could be used for more inclusive green spaces, and/or used for the development of much needed affordable and sustainable housing, in areas with excess

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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: reduce pool inspections . One pool inspection at initial building of pool only

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Tell us why: stop the commencement of the restoration of the Leys Institute library in the current economic climate

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Tell us why these are most important to you: no spraying of Roundup (glycophosphate) anywhere

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ignore CATR until other countries contribute.

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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? 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:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: We need to invest in our communities if they're going to grow. We're still recovering from COVID, floods and cyclones. Losing these initiatives will further compound the hurt our communities feeling.

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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 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 the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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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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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Public transit. We need to focus on environmental health. New Zealanders already aren't great at trusting public transit, if we want to get to a greener world public transit is one of the keys. Cutting public transit costs would mean less people rely on it for regular transit. This also means more traffic, as more people would be taking their own vehicles.

Reducing regional services. Social services and homelessness fundings are essential! These should not be cut. Our social workers are already under paid, it is a very difficult job and an essential one at that. In a left winged party I am very surprised to see these being discussed as cut options.

Reducing early childhood education. This seems like a big mistake, Early childhood care is so important and helps many families - I do not know much about this but education should never be compromised.

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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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Tell us why: These are all great initiatives. Really appreciate to attention to climate and lowering emissions. as well as the social/wellbeing programmes.

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Environment is what is most important to me. Education should be included as well though.

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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:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: Rates are already too high.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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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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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What is your preference on the proposed operating 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 support the proposed spending reductions. The reduction in funding will have a long term negative impact on community well-being, safety and resilience and does not respond to the climate emergency.

Do not support the proposed reductions and instead support unfreezing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increasing borrowing, and increasing general rates at least to the rate of inflation (rather than the proposed 4.66% increase)

Request council maximise alternative sources of funding such as increasing on street parking charges and the introduction of charges at Park & Rides.

Do not support proposals to permanently cancel many hundreds of buses a week nor the proposal to increase the costs of public transport fares.

Do not support cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's facilities and services: the Auckland Art Gallery, the ZOO, the Maritime Museum; Auckland Live; the Bruce Mason Centre and the Stadiums

Do not support the proposed cuts to funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services; the cuts to Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs), or the proposal to halve Local Board discretionary spending which may result in cuts to library hours, grants, events, environmental projects, Movies in Parks, Anzac Day services, community gardens support, youth funding and much more.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Dont sell our Airport shares. Surely by now we have learnt the sad lesson of selling the family silver.

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I support council setting a higher general rates increase AND making greater use of debt.

Council should set rates at least at the rate of inflation (8 -9 % rather than the proposed 4.66%) Auckland rates are low compared with other metropolitan centres.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Support the importance of investing in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

In addition, Council's ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impacts will be greatly enhanced by ensuring all

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: WLB is very community centred and responds to and supports its very diverse communities. Also the priorities are very much geared to creating community resilience in the WLB 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: All are very important. If I really had to choose it would be as a last resort and would choose all those priorities supporting community groups and arts and cultural events.

Do not want to see any reduction in Local Board funding . This would lower the 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? Do not support Council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established only last year with overwhelming public support. It should be used to improve and increase services rather than diverted to reduce costs to Auckland Transport.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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Proceed with the proposed reductions

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why: With the cost of inflation and high interest rates on mortgages, I don't think increasing rates would sit well with the public who pay their rates. If borrowed and invested correctly, the return on investment could pay off in the long term

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Other

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: There needs to be a plan. At present there is no plan. I suggest that council members attend the open to public presentation at the commencement of the writers Festival. The presenter is talking about the value of architecture, art and well-being to a city and community. Money can be made from a destination architecture. A very good paper was presented by Professor Tim Hazildine About Auckland land to develop some limited high rise apartments some lowrise hotel and cafe to make money from the ground lease. Do not need to sell the family silver. We need to be smart. We need to develop Auckland is a beautiful destination city, with access to water, ferries, World class architecture and art.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: As above. Be aspirational. Get a group together to plan how to develop the POA. Put the architecture work out to international tender. Sell the arts. Get the ground lease. Borrow until the cash flow starts.

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Tell us why: Get a plan. Don’t just rock in ad increase rates. Work with central govt,

5. Local Boards

Albert-Eden Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support any priorities

Tell us why: The local

Community boards do not have much funding. They know how to direct 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?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: I don't want to reduce any funding

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Again, where is the plan. This is just slash and burn

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

Tell us why these are most important to you: They're all

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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.	

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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? 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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What do you think of these proposals?

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do not agree with the proposed cuts to arts, culture, grants, regional services and CABs, these are vital to the health and wellbeing of all Aucklanders especially after covid and weather events. Please sell Airport shares and reduce the \$145m bill for traffic management.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: good to maintain a 10% share to have a say in airport

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: these weather events will only increase, we need to be prepared

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: all good priorities. I want council to stop wasting resources on resealing the back roads of herne bay (where I rent a flat) including making new driveways and undergrounding power lines. also please reduce traffic management which was over the top and he

If funding for local board 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: culture, heritage, education, the wellbeing of our citizens, plus the staff at these places and community services/charities are already over worked and under paid

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? traffic management \$146m per year!

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

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Your 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: Please 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. A reduction in funding of this size will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors. Already contributors to these essential projects are underpaid and resourced to further reduce funding will annihilate many programmes designed to bring communities together. Many people who are not aware of what these cuts will mean to programmes and events (taken for granted as always being available or always being an event the family looks forward to) will be greatly impacted. We are already suffering enough as a nation to then have our culture and art taken from us. How can an international city like Auckland compete with other's around the world if you take the very things that make an international city feel like an international city. It is unfathomable that these types of cuts are being considered at all. We need to invest in Auckland's future.

When our communities are directly part of contributing to the city they live in and our collective arts and cultural contributors are supported they prosper and the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. Our children who particularly benefit from the programmes they grown up depending on as part of their learning experience, grown up with an inclusive sensibility. For all ages, these programmes and services lend opportunities to learn and build on what is already there and provide a basis to then branch out into private enterprise projects which attracts business and people to the country. The local economy benefits. Job creation and prosperity is a direct outcome.

Cutting this funding will directly impact our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. New businesses food trucks, event caterers, event staff, programme coordinators, performers and performance teachers, new designers, jewellers, sculptors, painters, writers and our urban designers, builders, and contractors who all help shape our civic spaces, who need a start in their careers and a place to express who they are as a nation. Reducing funding for the countless programmes, services and grants may not be visible instantly and may secure some short term wins, but the longer term impacts will be irreparable. This is especially so for our education sector so many programmes have helped young New Zealanders go on to take their place out in the world and be positive ambassadors for our nation.

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 have no choice but to shut down and those individuals will have to walk away from a lifetime of contribution, skill and reputation to who knows what they will do.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Entry ports to our city, both air and sea, are vital infrastructure to the Auckland, local public ownership, can safely secure the long-term interests of our city. While I believe this concept has the best intentions I believe this is 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

Tell us why: I will gladly pay higher rates for the privilege of living (in what can be) one of the greatest harbour cities in the world.

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: Through investing in what it takes to prepare and respond to future storms you will be (by the process itself) better planning for residential and business developments (re-developments that incorporate resilience). Really put investment into thinking abo

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: The vision of the Waitematā Local Board is global and current in it's thinking. The programmes they propose are inclusive of the community and focus on best social outcomes for everyone using the same spaces. The current team work tirelessly to engage co

If funding for local board 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: They are all important to me it is impossible to choose only 3. All of the listed programmes have merit and to remove any of them will negatively impact actual people. I trust my Local Area Board to prioritise and plan according to need. For example the

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Nurture skills and talent in-house at council. Reduce use of consultants (unless it is to equip internal staff with capabilities that serve the council and the people who rely on the council). Encourage cohesive communication between your various teams

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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

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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 increase future incomes

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I support most priorities

Tell us why: I do not support abandoning less effective water quality and stream restoration projects or ecological contracts, climate change mitigation, volunteer programming, and planting.

I support investigating additional areas suitable for low-mow / no-mow progra

If funding for local board 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: We must do everything we can to protect the climate and environment as preserve aucklands diverse culture

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Pay cuts for employees earning over \$150k

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What do you think of these proposals? I do not support the reduction of funding to climate, arts and culture programmes and initiatives

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: As a resident of Auckland, I believe that the arts and community sector play a vital role in the wellbeing of our city. Not only do they contribute to the cultural fabric of our city, but they also provide important services and support to our communities. Cutting funding to these sectors would have a devastating impact on the many people and organizations that rely on them.

Furthermore, I believe that there are other ways to address the council's debt that do not involve cutting funding to these sectors. For example, the council could explore options such as increasing revenue from tourism or implementing cost-saving measures in other areas of the council's operations.

In addition, it is important to consider the long-term implications of cutting funding to the arts and community sector. These sectors are key drivers of economic growth and job creation in Auckland, and reducing their funding could have a negative impact on our city's economy in the long run. Auckland city is already on the brink of becoming a 'dead zone' for activity due to the long term infrastructure renovations. We desperately need to get people back into the city and cutting funding to these areas would seriously hinder that growth.

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We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling shares in Auckland airport can be a good option for Auckland Council to address its debt in the short term and diversify its revenue sources. Auckland airport is not a core asset of the council, and the proceeds from the sale could be invested in

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why: As a resident of Auckland, I understand that the proposed rates increase may not be the most ideal solution, but it could provide additional revenue to address the budget shortfall, which is crucial for the effective functioning of our city. Moreover, usi

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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: There will be a lot of pressure on residents and home owners to front the cost of these changes, and some people are already under a lot of pressure with interest rate increases I don't know what the answer is but raising rates like this seems extreme.

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, Local waste minimisation activities e.g. Waitematā waste away

Tell us why these are most important to you: We are at a crisis point where environmental action needs to take priority.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? There are several areas that could be explored, such as improving procurement processes, implementing efficiency measures, sharing services with other councils or government agencies, outsourcing non-core functions, investing in digitization initiatives,

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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?

Above all else, arts, community and environment are very important to me. I would prefer to see these sectors fully supported in this budget above other proposals.

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Areas like the Art Gallery, museum are essential to Auckland, our culture lacks history and belonging. We have created a city of corporate ugly buildings, urban sprawl which is not inviting or desirable. The city is hard to get around, arts is secondary to all activities.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Selling all shares is a short-term fix and leaves little options in the future.

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Tell us why: Its a no win across the board. Households cannot afford higher rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: Do maintenance on a regular basis, especially around drains..

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Tell us why: All seem positive however there is very little around a safe city. The CBD leaves a lot to be desired. It does not feel safe or welcoming

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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? bespoke events, wasteful changes

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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 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 greatly!

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why: Supporting the growth of creative communities through the arts is a priority for local boards; I do not support cutting local board budgets. The arts bring diverse communities together which we need more than ever amidst this time of challenges and change

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre

programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you: Supporting the growth of creative and intellectual communities throughout the arts and library/education availability to all is key priority for all local boards.

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. The Sm

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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

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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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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: The reductions would tear the heart out of the city. I depend on the buses & use them instead of a car. I use the libraries regularly as I live in a small apartment can't buy books. The art gallery feeds my soul. The CABs have helped me many times. Early childhood centres must be supported as research shows that they give children a solid foundation in life. Reductions would reduce my wellbeing and result in feeling I no longer live in a friendly, caring city.

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Tell us why: This is not a good time to sell shares. Without them the asset is useless in terms of raising revenue in the future.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Two kinds of management should go hand in hand: setting a higher general rates increase as well as making use of debt.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why: We must spend now to create the stormwater infrastructure for the future. Some of my friends have been devastated and broken by the flooding of their homes, even in streets eg Shackelton Rd that should have been safe. I have been a trauma therapist for ma

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: Wellbeing of people and the environment are important to me. I want the Leys Institute to be rebuilt. It is my local library and I miss 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?) Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts, Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. Waipapa Stream

Tell us why these are most important to you: It's hard to choose! I chose these because I value a vibrant community, so important more than ever for everyone's mental health in these troubled times. Environmental action goes along with this.

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets? Climate actions, buses and car-free transport, supporting local boards in the good work they do (they are the ones who understand community needs), tree planting & environmental care, and infrastructure for wastewater management.

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

The climate action targeted rate must be upheld so that bus services can be improved (not cut!), and car use reduced also through funding for cycleways.

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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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 would not proceed with any of these proposed funding cuts - in trying to reconcile the forecasted \$295 million shortfall, the AKL council are suggesting drastic cuts to areas of Auckland's social and cultural identity, cuts that will have lasting impacts and will undo so many years of progress made to the quality of living here.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Selling off our shares in AKL airport, during a low point in the market, means we lose the leverage and support for future revenue raising for AKL Council.

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

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Tell us why: We don't have to cast our memory (all the flooding that communities are still trying to recover from) back too far to see the consequences of decades of under-investment in our critical infrastructure. AKL council need to start investing in making AKL bet

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Tell us why:

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programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community climate action and sustainability e.g. Low Carbon Lifestyles

Tell us why these are most important to you: Tbh all services are important, but you've asked to limit it to three. These are important because they speak to the quality of living and future sustainability of living in AKL. If you decrease funding in all the areas that make Auckland distinctly AKL,

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This is the first time I have made a submission with regard to AKL council's proposed budget because I am appalled at the level of cuts and the areas in which said cuts would happen that the council has proposed. Cutting funding for things like community

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: the budget deficit is an illusion based on the foolish notion that council budget is the same as personal budgets. If we don't continue to fund all cultural and everyday expenses this city will become both financially and socially decrepit

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Tell us why: Why sell the family silver and reduce future income. Once it's gone it's gone forever!!

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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: Our moral responsibility as citizens of a vibrant community.

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: Essential that council heeds and responds to the advice and community feedback from local 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?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you: This is a loaded question and ensures that funding to local boards will be reduced and justified by the choices made here

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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Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size.	
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Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections.	Support
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate from what was planned, to ensure that we can continue to deliver the climate and service outcomes for which the CATR was established.	Do not support

What do you think of these proposals? Many of these changes will be difficult for those already disadvantaged by the preferences and policies of the wealthy white councillors.

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?

This whole exercise is biased towards pakeha affluent rigid neo classical concepts of government and finance. Given our present mayor I doubt that my or any other submissions on the budget will have any effect.

This buget slashing exercise is unnecessary

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Your feedback

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- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Proceed with the proposed reductions

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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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: Council investment or control of any critical assets should not be sold under any circumstances.

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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? Other

Tell us why: I think a better solution needs to be proposed after in-depth assessment.

5. Local Boards

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Your feedback

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not cut arts funding!

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? 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: My knowledge in this area might be slightly lacking but if there are few real downsides to selling all the shares then go for it. Otherwise a partial sale of shares sounds like a safe option.

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: Safety of people should definitely be a priority.

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: Maintaining arts funding would certainly help.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local arts programmes, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: Our arts and our environment are two of the main things that make NZ special. We can't lose those.

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

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Tell us why: Whatever you do, do not cut arts funding.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Environmental restoration and pest control, Protection and restoration of local waterways, Local waste minimisation programmes including construction waste coordination

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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?

The arts is one of the few things that got us through the last three years, keeping us all same, so cutting funding for the arts is just a complete kick in the face.

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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 funding in all these areas will see so much damage done in the community.

Rise in unemployment, youth crime, mental health issues etc.

Youth centres provide a safe space for young people to connect, engage, & be mentored into positive pathways. They provide amazing activities to cater to our most vulnerable in the community.

Arts & culture programmes speak to who Auckland is as a super city. A large diverse city which currently has the opportunity to celebrate these cultures in beautiful & inclusive ways. This industry has provided great amounts of work, entertainment, happiness, fun & opportunity for people to share & connect. The arts saved me and gave me a place in this community. Im now blessed to utilise the arts to share with other young people to embrace their artistic talents and to share that with the wider community. We have performed many shows and pieces both locally & internationally, and have been supported by local arts centres, community centres, schools and youth centres that would provide us space to engage & share.

Imagine a city with no Pasifika, Polyfest, Diwali, Lantern Festival, Youth Rallys, Auckland Live Festivals.... Where are you going to take your families to enjoy food, culture & entertainment.

The loss here is greater than anything you are hoping to gain from these funding cuts.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

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Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

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Tell us why these are most important to you: Growing community connection is important and fostering a community where there are safe spaces for people to connect & engage in programmes creates a great community vibe.

Local grants are also very important to continue supporting local programmes

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: I do NOT support any funding reduction for Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, nor support cuts to the Auckland Art Gallery, the ZOO, the Maritime Museum; Auckland Live; the Bruce Mason Centre and the Stadiums. Reducing these services will reduce the culture and vibrancy of the entire Greater Auckland region and stifle the livelihood of our city as a livable, breathable international port of call towards the entire world.

I do not support the proposed cuts to funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services; the cuts to Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs), or the proposal to halve Local Board discretionary spending which may result in cuts to library hours, grants, events, environmental projects, Movies in Parks, Anzac Day services, community gardens support, youth funding and much more.

Furthermore, the reduction in funding will have a long-term negative impact on community well-being, safety and resilience and does not respond to the climate emergency. I instead support unfreezing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increasing borrowing, and increasing general rates at least to the rate of inflation (rather than the proposed 4.66% increase), request council maximise alternative sources of funding such as increasing on-street parking charges and the introduction of charges at Park & Rides.

I also do not support proposals to permanently cancel many hundreds of buses a week nor the proposal to increase the costs of public transport fares.

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Tell us why: I support keeping our current airport shareholding because once gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council. Prior to Covid-19 the airport shares generated a \$60m dividend for Council which is why the shares a

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: I support council setting a higher general rates increase AND making greater use of debt. Council should set rates at least at the rate of inflation (8 -9 % rather than the proposed 4.66%) Auckland rates are low compared with other metropolitan centres.

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: I DO support the importance of investing in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

In addition, Council's ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impacts will be greatly enhanced by ensuring a

5. Local Boards

Kaipātiki Local Board

It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, **what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?** I do not support most priorities

Tell us why: I do NOT support the reduction in spending in the majority of the proposed local board priorities, with the exception of reducing funding towards businesses within the Wairau Valley.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Local community grants, Community climate action and sustainability, Protection and restoration of local waterways

Tell us why these are most important to you: If the recent major extreme weather events aren't an indication to why these require prioritisation, then the Kaipatiki region will be further severely impacted in the future.

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services would you be prepared to have funding reduced for? (i.e. which are least important to you?): Community leasing charges, Parks and open space low / no mow areas, Local business support

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why: I do NOT support the reduction in spending in ANY of the proposed local 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?) Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and 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: Given the recent extreme weather events, priority should be placed towards climate action and education. I also support the continuing development of community-supported youth and arts program

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? I do NOT support council reprioritising the Climate Action Targeted Rate which was established only last year with overwhelming public support. It should be used to improve and increase services rather than diverted to reduce costs to Auckland Transport.

7. What else is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (page 53 in the consultation document).
- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

I support Council adopting an alternative budget that invests in Auckland's recovery, community well-being and climate action; this is not the time for austerity. We should be increasing all new investments towards meeting climate emission reduction target

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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:

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.

Rates

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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Community programme delivery e.g. community networks, youth and arts

Tell us why these are most important to you:

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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?

Don't cut any funding to the Zoo and the Art Gallery

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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.

I do not support these cost reductions. The net effect of such a sizable reduction in funding will negatively impact the local economy and devastate Auckland's culture, art and community sectors.

This is not the time to be cutting back. Now is the time to invest in Auckland's future.

When Auckland's communities are thriving and our arts and cultural sector is prospering, the entire city benefits. These services directly improve social cohesion, wellbeing and our quality of life. They make our city more inclusive and welcoming helping us to attract and retain new residents and industry. They also boost the local economy, create jobs and make the city more prosperous.

Cutting this funding will negatively impact the local economy and the ability for our restaurants, hotels and retail sectors to generate revenue. And it will negatively impact the quality and diversity of education in our schools and communities.

These are not nice-to-haves that can be turned on or off at will. Jobs will be lost and some of the organisations responsible for delivering these services will shutter.

A reduction of this size will send our city backwards and cost us more in the long run.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? I don't know

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?

Key Messages

Do 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

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Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: This will literally kill our city

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Tell us why:

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

Do not support the proposed spending reductions. The reduction in funding will have a long term negative impact on community well-being, safety and resilience and does not respond to the climate emergency.

Do not support the proposed reductions and instead support unfreezing the Water Quality and Natural Environment Targeted Rates, increasing borrowing, and increasing general rates at least to the rate of inflation (rather than the proposed 4.66% increase)

Request council maximise alternative sources of funding such as increasing on street parking charges and the introduction of charges at Park & Rides.

Do not support proposals to permanently cancel many hundreds of buses a week nor the proposal to increase the costs of public transport fares.

Do not support cuts to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's facilities and services: the Auckland Art Gallery, the ZOO, the Maritime Museum; Auckland Live; the Bruce Mason Centre and the Stadiums

Do not support the proposed cuts to funding to community, culture, regional events, economic development and social services; the cuts to Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs), or the proposal to halve Local Board discretionary spending which may result in cuts to library hours, grants, events, environmental projects, Movies in Parks, Anzac Day services, community gardens support, youth funding and much more.

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Support keeping our current airport shareholding because once gone, this asset can no longer be leveraged or support future revenue raising for Council. Prior to covid the airport shares generated a \$60m dividend for Council which is why the shares are so

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- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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Debt

We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Other

Tell us why: Support council setting a higher general rates increase AND making greater use of debt.

Council should set rates at least at the rate of inflation (8 -9 % rather than the proposed 4.66%) Auckland rates are low compared with other metropolitan centres. (i

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: Support the importance of investing in stormwater infrastructure, especially in light of recent extreme weather events.

In addition, Council's ability to prepare and respond to future storms and climate impacts will be greatly enhanced by ensuring all

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: Community Development and Support

Climate Action and Awareness

Library Hours

Environmental restoration programmes stream restoration and pest control

Community Events

Community grants

Community and arts centre activities

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, Arts and community centre programmes (at Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū), Protection and restoration of local waterway e.g. Te Wai Ōrea lake and wetland

Tell us why these are most important to you:

Do you think there are other areas where we could make savings to our local budgets?

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

We are proposing some changes to targeted rates as set out in the following table. The changes are mainly to ensure we are covering the necessary costs. If we do not proceed with the changes then the general rates increase may need to be higher than we have proposed.

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Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.	
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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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- Changes to fees and charges (page 53 in the consultation document).

Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

Support Council adopting an alternative budget that invests in Auckland's recovery, community well-being and climate action; this is not the time for austerity

Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024

Support renewals and all new inv

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would **not** proceed with if any:

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? 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?) Environmental education e.g. Schools treasuring Waiōrea, 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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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? APTR should be cancelled, and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited should be funded from Business Rates. Auckland Unlimited provides benefits to many businesses across Auckland (not just accommodation businesses), and so should be funded from general rates.

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:

- * More investment in safer streets, including safe cycleways
- * More investment in convenient and regular public transport, secure bike parking, and safe cycleway connections at public transport hubs
- * Reducing speed limits to 30 km/ph in reside

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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: Don't reduce public transport,

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why: Don't make changes to the airport or sell it

3. Managing rates and debt

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Do not proceed with the proposal

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

Waitematā Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?) Library opening hours and services, 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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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

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Do not reduce community and education services as they benefit a range of ages. They also support community engagement and general well being which should be a high priority for the council. Sell off the golf courses to reduce debt or at least ensure they are funded by uses. These do not benefit a large range of ages.

Why do you supply Council funded cars? If you want Aucklanders to use public transport, that includes council employees.

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

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase

Tell us why: Inflation is inflation. Auckland will always be trying to catch up if we don’t match inflation. Not what I want to happen, but we need to be realistic.

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

6. Changes to other rates and fees and charges

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What do you think of these proposals?

7. What else is important to you?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Big Street Bikers

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

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What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any:

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What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares?

Tell us why:

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt?

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

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What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms?

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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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.	

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?

Big Street Bikers (BSB) is a social enterprise committed to establishing and operating a new electric infrastructure and leading a new culture of electric biking. We think it is the time for the Big Switch, for investment in a strong, resilient and vibrant

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your feedback

1. Operating spending reductions

Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

- Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with 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.

2. Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

Our proposed budget includes a planned change to the AIAL shareholding policy. This will allow us to sell some or all our shares in AIAL.

Selling all our shareholding (currently around 18% of shares in Auckland Airport) would reduce our debt by an estimated \$1.9 billion. This would reduce interest costs on our debt by around \$88 million per year, which is greater than what we'd expect to earn from the dividends if we kept the shares.

We have also considered other options, including both keeping all our shares and a partial sale that reduces our shareholding while maintaining at least 10 per cent (a so-called "blocking stake"). These options would contribute less towards our budget reduction target and require other actions – most likely by further increasing rates or debt (within existing policy limits).

What is your preference on this proposal to change the AIAL shareholding policy to enable the sale of all Auckland Council's shares? Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why:

3. Managing rates and debt

To help with our budget challenge, we propose a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around **4.66 per cent or \$154 a year** (around \$3 a week) and to increase our use of debt by up to **\$75 million** in 2023/2024.

Rates

Our proposed 4.66 per cent total rates increase would be achieved by:

- An average increase in general rates of 7.0 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
- Reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money we have already collected from these targeted rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
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We propose to increase our use of debt by up to \$75 million for 2023/2024. This will be used to fund some capital expenditure (assets such as roads, pipes and buildings) that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue (such as rates and user charges). This will free up that operating revenue to help address our budget shortfall.

What is your preference on our proposal to manage rates and debt? Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

Tell us why:

4. Storm Response

The impacts of the recent storm events beginning on Auckland Anniversary weekend could be substantial over time and we don't yet know the full costs.

Changes to our investment in land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment will be needed. Some new investments will be delayed so we can undertake urgent repairs and replacements.

Additionally, from 2023/2024, we are proposing to increase our operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve our ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address our budget shortfall).

What is your preference on our proposal to manage the impact of future storms? I don't know

Tell us why:

5. Local Boards

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?) 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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Or is there anything further you would like to give feedback on?

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What is your preference on 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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I think it's really important that we continue to invest in communities and community projects. I'm really disappointed to see these changes suggested as our communities are the backbone of our society and these proposals completely devalue the importance

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