



# Annual Plan 2025/2026

Written Feedback

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Support most

Tell us why

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### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Kaipātiki, Papakura

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**



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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

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Less important

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities

## Papakura Local Board Priorities

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**Progressing some of the new Sports and Recreation Plan, economic development, and youth projects identified from the work being completed in 2024/2029**

**Requesting strategic assessments to understand needs relating to: Opaheke sports and passive parks; Awakeri Wetlands; Kuhanui Reserve, Karaka; Park Estate Reserve, Park Green; new play facilities at Pulman Park, and the Greenways/Local Paths Plan**

**Advocating for access to the legacy parking fund for carparking projects**

**Assisting the Takanini Business Association's proposed establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) programme and BID targeted rate for Takanini**

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#### Takanini Business Improvement District (BID)

We continue to support the Papakura and Takanini Business Associations to grow and develop businesses, and to make the town centres more lively. Takanini Business Association is seeking to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) programme. If it is successful, business

ratepayers and owners located within the BID establishment area will become members of the Takanini BID programme and pay the associated BID target rate.

**Do you think we should establish a Takanini Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

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Some things the council 100 % needs to work on , storm water and water retention my biggest issues in Auckland , lived here all my 53 years

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#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Takapuna Golf course isn't the answer as a pond / catchment area

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Sports and park activation activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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### Tell us why

Transport is so crucial for a functioning society. Can we make sure that we have alternative ways to transport people rather than just motorists clogging up the roads. Trains are too slow and always disrupted.



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Support

**Tell us why**

Foreign visitors coming in internationally yes.

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Support

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Bin tags are easily abuseable whereas a common way for everybody to contribute to waste management is a lot more efficient.

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Do not support most

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Very important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Focus less on climate changes and more on community first. A lot of peripherals will happen (including climate) if we take care of the needs of the community day to day.

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Grants,Sports and park activation activities,Local water quality activities

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Major events bring income into the city As a fan of user pays, Being charged a set fee in my rates for rubbish collection when I don't put out bins every week is not fair

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Having a set fee for rubbish collection is not fair on households who do not put out bins every week. It should be a user pay system.

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The Takapuna Golf Club is the busiest public golf club in the country. Setting areas of it aside for water catchment is a good option but there should be a guarantee that it is not the long term or final solution

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Key things seem to be the basics - NZ spends much more than overseas on rates so focusing on basics seems important especially water quality and it is still a major disgrace that beaches are often contaminated with sewage. A comment on transport also is properties close in to the city are more expensive yet a big chunk of our rates goes to fund public transport for those living far away



whose contribution is less which again is nonsensical. A big chunk of my rates is this whilst I live close, walk to work and use a car once a week yet am subsidizing public transport for those living miles away??

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Ratepayers do not want to pay for all this so effectively user pays makes sense

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Wairau valley and creek is a disaster - sewage regularly flows into the sea at Milford - why can't the council get its act together and focus on this. Seems a lot more important than ethnic communities plan as all ethnicities use the sea so why not focus on this

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Focus on sorting basics especially water quality - Sir Paul Callaghan (I spoke to him) totally stressed this point as why we live in NZ. However the council is ruining this and it needs addressed before other fringe activities away from the basics



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

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Very important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

major support for hazard risk reduction, and maintaining facilities

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need more focus on hazards



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The proposed plan does not do enough to build our pedestrian and cycling network

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

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**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local waste minimisation activities

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Less important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

#### North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community.

The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

There are more urgent investments that require funding. Funding should be prioritised for our extremely underdeveloped cycle network.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

To be honest the rates in Auckland are to high I am only aloud to work part time due to medical problems and just can't it lan's I would like to continue to use the orange rubbish stickers I think would be cheaper for me

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I don't go to concerts so why should I pay

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I think the rates are too high and Auckland city council will be driving most people out of the city because they can't afford to live here

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Support all

#### Tell us why

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Support most

### Tell us why

Poor transport is impacting our productivity...get Auckland moving.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

A bed levy for direct visitor assets/services is fine...such as amenities, transportation. But a levy for marketing and major events is a mismatch.

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Support

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

We need a focus on congestion and getting our roads moving...local board needs to put more pressure on the Mayor and AT....spend money on Lake Rd improvement. Our community in Devonport is increasing isolated by jammed traffic. Not everyone can ride push bikes.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Lots of planning and reporting priorities. Where are the implementation priorities.

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Rip off . You're making Auckland unliveable. Some \*\*\*\*\* idiots govern Auckland city council. You develop and spent money only in rich areas. Never gets better. It is getting worse, road becomes narrower, houses front door few centimetres away from main road.. it's total corruption in all areas. STOP ripping of people

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Do not support

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Its a ripoff. Total corruption. There is No development it's getting worse every year..

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants**

Less important

**Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme**

Less important

**Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets**

Less important

**Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models**

Less important

**Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives**

Less important

**Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)**

Less important

**Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour**

Very important

**Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Focus on strengthening financial status. Rates increase looks reasonable.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Definitely support a levy. Number of events and destination marketing should be greatly reduced. Start with the Writers Festival - no longer relevant.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Less important

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Less important

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Stop supporting Te Maunga



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Support all

Tell us why

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

The annual plan is now compromised with regard to Watercare's recent operations. The annual plan refers to a now out of date LTCCP due to Watercare's lack of accountability. The aim of facilitating and funding growth cannot be met due to moratoriums placed over nearly half of the city by Watercare. As they are prohibiting developers from being active in certain areas, they are also

preventing themselves from collecting IGC's that would otherwise be used to fund the required maintenance and upgrades that have failed to occur. The annual plan and LTCCP look in for another 9 years the failure of duty to the city that Watercare was suppose to look after. Watercare have misappropriated fund due to their \$600m Central interceptor blowout as well as by not operating and adequate maintenance programme, which has resulted in large parts of the city being unable to grow. Therefore Watercare's action have compromised the entire planning and budgeting process. They have undermined the Auckland Plan, the various area spatial plans and the AUP. Not with standing Watercare incompetence, the Council delivery teams with respect to infrastructure projects deliver appalling value for money as detailed in many recent media reports and DC policy reviews.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

You are simply enabling Air B and B arrangements here instead of assisting the operation of hotels.

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The DT Local Board do a great job and we have a quality team on the board. However, they have little in the way of resources. The Annual plan process is link in with the LTP which has a 10 year horizon. Changes move fast and the 10 yr plan is already out of date. As an example look at the massive Watercare network capacity issues across the city that are preventing development. A lack of flexibility and pivoting in financial decision making results in some outcomes that are proposed being obsolete. The annual plan for DT should refer to the indicative flooding solutions proposed at AF Thomas Park (Taka Golf Course). This is a huge initiate but there is silence here in the annual plan. The talk above is of developing an actin plan but that seems very reactive when the action is already well advanced.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

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Less important

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Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

What are you referring to as the Takapuna Community Hub? Best to say the library site so its more obvious. I live / work in Takapuna and sit on the TBBA, yet don't refer to it as the hub, like many residents. The flooding and resilience comms and strategy are all overstated. There are a number of technical solutions that are better than the buyout and abandonment strategy that Council seems to be heading down.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Community events, Sports and park activation activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support

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Community programmes and services, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

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Support most

### Tell us why

we need to invest more in infrastructure and somehow need to raise the money for this

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Support

**Tell us why**

I really do not see a problem as when we travel overseas there is always a tourist tax that we pay and this has not affected our decision to visit a place

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Support all

#### Tell us why

Super important to maintain fields/ parks and libraries for people in the community to use to keep good physical and mental health

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

With all the existing cost of living in all aspects, can we please keep the increase within the 2.5%? My salary increase is not even a 5.8%, not speaking of all other incredible increases in this year. I am grateful that I still have a job, but still cannot keep up with increases.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Upper Harbour

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Except necessary local community related facilities, anything else is less important in this year or even next year to save and avoid waste of funding is more important.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Less important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Less important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Save money and reduce the rate increase. Our tenant is complaining about our rent increase already. Rubbish collection fee is now adding to our rate bill.....Not sure about the tenants, but we don't need to throw away so much rubbish on weekly basis.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries facilities - opening hours and services ,Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services ,Local water quality improvement activities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

There are other things I think need priority

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Absolutely support this. If people want to visit our fab city they need to pay so that it lessens the increasing burden on tax payers. We cannot afford for living expenses to keep rocketing up like they are doing.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

##### **Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

##### **Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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##### **Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

I don't know

##### **Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

##### **Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

##### **Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I think we need to clean the beach at fairly regular intervals ie every month. This would really make it a world class beach and therefore bring in more tourists. Other cities around the world do this on a daily basis and it makes SUCH a difference.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community events, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

We need to stop building apartments in Takapuna and plan on cramming more and more people in. It will really ruin this area having too many people. The natural resource (ie the beach) will not cope and it will start to look awful and the water quality will decline. All resulting in ruining our lovely natural heritage and a key feature of Auckland City. Let's aim to keep it beautiful and not turn it into a heaving slum of too many people. Once we give developers the go ahead we cannot turn back the clock. Once we have ruined our city there is no going back. Look at what is happening over the other side of the bridge. Many suburbs are looking soooo ugly now, and there is no undoing it. So many of the awful apartment blocks that have been built are so aesthetically unpleasing (they look like the developers have used building materials out of the bargain bin ie the leftovers that didn't sell because they were so ugly). It is ruining the look of Auckland which was once so beautiful. :(



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Without increasing rates significantly more than the stated 5.8%, Council cannot deliver everything it is trying to deliver. Council is either wrong or it is deliberately trying to mislead by stating 5.8% is an average or by other tactics. Therefore, Council needs to focus on its job and cut spending on everything which isn't core until such time that it can focus. The core focus of Council is to get

Auckland running like a proper city effectively and efficiently. Unless it is going to generate tourism income, core activities do not include cultural programs, events or anything else that does not generate a financial return for Auckland. Your role is to focus on Auckland and its infrastructure, roading, utilities, security, etc. You need to control the spending of your Council departments such as Watercare acquiring and installing a new computer system solely with the objective of having a different system from Council in an attempt to stop a merger between the two, Auckland Transport spending millions on raised crossings in the sole interest of utilising their budgets in the belief that will secure the same budget for the following year. Auckland City is a dangerous, under-performing, sorely missing in Public Transport mess and this Council, arguably the most ineffective and poorest performing Council in New Zealand today, needs to cut out all the peripheral stuff until such time as you're doing the core activities first and doing them properly.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

You keep raising our costs to meet your inefficiencies and inability to run a Council in a commercially astute way. No one minds paying more when they're getting value and we're not. You've put up the costs and raised the difficulty of bringing a car into the city and yet offer no alternative. The ferry services are reduced and extremely unreliable as is the rail service as is the buses. i want you to do your job before you ask for more money.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Collecting rubbish is a core activity which should be covered by our rates. We shouldn't have to pay an increased rates bill and also have to pay for our rubbish to be collected. Just exactly what are you delivering for the money you receive???

**Question 4:**

**Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

if depends on cost and methods

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

as long as it's not corporate and overwhelming luxurious

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

we all need weekly rubbish collection

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Howick, Waiheke





## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Not really answering the real issues Job stability, accountability for better and affordable roadworks and rents All missing

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

all working together is key, and should cover all areas

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Grants

## Howick Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

These ones seem respectful

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support local businesses and Business Improvement Districts on crime prevention and safety**

Very important

**Work with the Youth Council, Business East Tāmaki, business and tourism sector, and others, on youth upskilling, including increasing funding for the Young Enterprise Scheme**

Very important

**Review and refresh the Howick Local Board Heritage Plan and Tourism Plan**

Very important

**Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay**

Fairly important

**Trial a surveillance programme to help curb illegal dumping in Flat Bush**

Very important

**Develop initiatives for live monitoring, capturing and documenting the levels of poison/toxicity in our local waterways to increase awareness and enable enforcement**

Very important

**Investigate options on introducing a targeted rate to help fund the delivery of the Flat Bush Library, Community Centre, and Pool and Leisure Centre.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Grants .

## **Waiheke Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

All good

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

Very important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Very important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

Very important

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

Very important

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

Fairly important

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

Very important

**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Community Pool Development**

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

**Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

You've got it sussed

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

It's fair that visitors should support it

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Support most

### Tell us why

While I am, in most cases, not well versed enough in governance issues to form a strong opinion for or against most issue, I greatly support the proposed redistribution of funds within local government.

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Support

**Tell us why**

I do not see that there is a substantial enough financial pressure on short-stay accommodations that there would be an argument against increasing their levy by such a small amount.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

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### Local board priorities

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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I don't know

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Local arts and culture activities,Community events,Local parks strategy and planning

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

haven't kept up with

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

no

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not support: 1. Any race based funding and Māori veto over any activities; i.e. Māori (Manu Whenua) which makes me a second class citizen in my own country (FYI they have wrecked Mt Victoria in Devonport) 2. AT - where are the more roads, wider roads, over bridges - under passes to reduce congestion for private vehicles. All we get is projects that increase congestion (bus lanes,



narrower roads, empty bike lanes, bumps etc). They are wrecking communities and making getting around AKL a misery 3. Climate funding. whether you believe in it or not 90% of the world's population is doing nothing to lower their emissions - why should we lower our standard of living when it will not make a scrap of difference. 4. Savings: I have friends who work in different parts of council and the stories of waste are legendary - the council could easily sack 15% of their head count 5. Housing - why should I pay rates for more council housing when the only reason NZ needs more houses is due to unskilled immigrants from the third world. I do not earn an income to pay taxes and rates to help out immigrants. The Council should be pushing the Govt to stop the tsunami of immigrants over running our services and infrastructure

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Do not support

### Tell us why

Its a tax of growth and NZ and AKL really needs growth more than another tax! Auckland Council owns plenty of venues that generate revenue by selling the space and catering to private companies etc. However AKL Council runs so many waste of time poorly attended small events that stop these venues generating revenue. Cut most of these events (Staff can be sacked = savings and extra revenue can be generated). The savings and the extra revenue would be millions

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Rubbish should be user pays - adding it to rates will mean rents will have to increase and people like pensioners who put out no rubbish many weeks of the year get hit just as hard as someone who puts out rubbish all year round - grossly unfair!

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I do not agree with Māori managing our reserves etc or having a preferential voice. There should be no funding for ethnic communities. We should be funding sports clubs that encourage people to be active (Whakatere Yacht Club, North Shore Football Club etc). Devonport is getting very scruffy - look at the weeds around the shops - supermarket carpark etc - where is the funding to look after what we have. With the tsunami of immigrants they are overrunning services and infrastructure including negatively impacting the marine environment. Funding should be allocated to highlight and lobby/stop the tsunami of immigrants. Otherwise our rates will continue but it will only slow the decline due to growing population rather than improving existing infrastructure and services

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

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If you do one thing - STOP Auckland Transport ruining our lives - every year their activities just ratchet up the misery on private vehicle owners. In 20 years time over 90% of trips across a week will still be by private vehicle!



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

The so called Auckland Council Annual Plan is nothing more than meaningless word salad of woke socialist nonsense. The huge quantities of money being pillaged and squandered by the socialist bureaucracy is an absolute disgrace. As a ratepayer I cannot help thinking that the council is motivated by making rate payers lives miserable. An 80% cut across the board to council

operations to eliminate wastage, wokeness, DEI, general over staffing would make the city run better and make all citizens happier.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Live within your means and justify your spending. Cut council wastage before proposing new taxes.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

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Rubbish removal is a core function of council and should continue as such.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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#### Tell us why

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

None of these things are core activities and therefore should be removed from any council mandate thereby saving ratepayers funds.

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Council must drop all non-core activities and focus only on doing the basics well. Core activities include efficient roads, water reticulation, wastewater management, parks, refuse collection. Any other activities the council currently engages in are potentially unnecessary and subject to cancellation. Key items to eliminate or reduce include: no induced road obstacles (speed bumps, raised crossings, traffic obstacles, eliminate exclusive bus lanes, eliminate cycles ways, stop orange cone stop/go lunacy, eliminate ridiculous low speed limits. Stop subsidising public transport, shut down and mothball the CRL after all it is a gigantic white elephant and a forever financial black hole. Merge the Northern busway with the Northern motorway so everyone can potentially make use of it. Stop all event funding. Stop all social development activities. Stop all other subsidies. Stop wokeness and DEI. Retrench the majority of the council workforce. These items and many more will significantly reduce the rates burden on ratepayers and help the city operate more smoothly.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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The new model is not fair to people that don't produce a lot of waste. The previously model pay-per-use was fair.

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Less important

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Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

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Support most

### Tell us why

overall seems fairly balanced

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Support

**Tell us why**

Why not consider a slightly higher % rate, say 5% ? doesn't seem totally unreasonable for coming to the city and adding an extra burden for a special event.

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Support all

### Tell us why

They're all relevant and current issues

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Support

**Tell us why**

There's a lot of pressure on rates payer, particularly lower fixed income ie pensioners. User pays levies are a fairer way of sharing the costs

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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For single people, and low income thie Refuse Targeted Rate charges are quite steep in comparison to the current bag system. Their usage is often low and only the only way accommodate extra cists sometimes is to reduce grocery costs

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitematā

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

## Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

Less important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Very important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Fairly important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Fairly important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Very important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Very important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Very important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Basic quality of life is essential and should be risen above dressings of life

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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No



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I question whether you've asked a wide array of Aucklanders what their needs are, rather than basing it all on data and assumptions from that data.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I think the events we bring in should be reviewed but I support this.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour



## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Fairly important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Very important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Less important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I take pride in our natural surrounding areas to encourage people to explore their local areas. I think most people know where things are, I think it's a waste of money telling people about it, it's already shared alot on social media.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Local water quality improvement activities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Would spread some of the pressure from the other stadiums, and drive more visitors to the north shore.

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Taxing tourists is what happens in other countries and should be done more, especially to look after our natural parks and beaches

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

##### **Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

##### **Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

##### **Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

##### **Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

##### **Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

##### **Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

I don't know

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

I don't know

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Less important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services,Community events,Youth activities

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Funding local communities should not be funded by ratepayers

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Ratepayers should not be funding major events, it is not core services

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Support

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Only support proposals that address core services and infrastructure.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Just focus on core services

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Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

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Support most

### Tell us why

You need to lead the plan to build the Southdown to Avondale rail link to provide rail access to new areas of Auckland such as Mt Roskill and to provide an outer rail loop to complement the CRL inner rail loop. Use the CRL expertise before it disbands to other projects.

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Support

**Tell us why**

it takes a load off the rate-payer.

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Do not support

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user-pays is better than paying for services that you might not use.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

it is important to maintain our public parks and reserves

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Less important

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Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

sort out the congestion on Lake Road

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use the diesel trains currently in storage to set up a regular Helensville - Swanson commuter service.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. NZ is loosing visitors, trying to make this up by charging a country entry fee + now a short term accommodation fee - you think this makes NZ more attractive ? As a German I lived 20 years in Asia, and eg Vietnam + China did charge for many years a visa fee of USD50 and more - they have given up on this, and the so called developed NZ is introducing it - are you serious ??? 2.



RATES - should not increase more than the average CPI of the last 24 months, which for 2024 is 2.2% - you plan 5.8% which is 2.5x more. That is the best recipe to push up inflation over proportionally. Better you cut costs in the various areas you try to support. Looks we better have another Trump empowered in NZ, to show how to run a council / country by business principles .

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Do not support

### Tell us why

Any parties who want something, should pay for it - especially when it is for fun. Such a bed fee would of course stay in general, and not only for these particular events - or ?

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### 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

### 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Purchasing rubbish bags keeps the cost under control by the user of the service - otherwise it will for sure explode, as bureaucrats always like to spread costs. If the distances for collection are too much, make the rubbish producer bring his bags to the Refuse stations.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

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### **Tell us here**

Where ever there is a park with regular visitors (like in our case the Henderson Park in Takapuna), set up 2 movable toilets. Many boating people come here not only on weekends and where to they pee and \*\*\*\*\* ? in the bushes next to the medows - and if the wind blows from the lake towards Hurstmere Road, the tenants around 314 - 320 can smell these excrement s !!!



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Support most

Tell us why

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Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Not sure of my position

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney, Upper Harbour, Waitematā

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

##### **Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

##### **Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

##### **Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

##### **Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

##### **Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

##### **Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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#### **Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities  
- opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

#### North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community.

The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Fairly important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Fairly important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Fairly important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**



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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Libraries facilities - opening hours and services  
 , Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

Very important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Fairly important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Fairly important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Fairly important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Less important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Less important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Less important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

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**Tell us here**



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I support infrastructure improvements like flood remediation- sewer management, transport, clean water.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Waiheke

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

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Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

## **Waiheke Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

Very important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Very important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

Very important

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

Very important

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

Very important

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

Very important

**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Community Pool Development**

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

**Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

### **Tell us why**

As the government aims to promote Auckland and attract more visitors, the bed night visitor levy could have the opposite effect and deter people from coming. Instead, the Auckland Council should focus on strategies to attract more visitors who are willing to spend money in the city, without imposing a compulsory levy. This approach would prevent visitors from thinking that enjoying their time in Auckland would cost them more than visiting other tourist cities. Council should provide policy guidance for local businesses and focus on creating activities and policies that are more attractive to tourists, rather than just catering to the interests of Auckland's local residents.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden, Aotea/Great Barrier, Devonport-Takapuna, Franklin, Henderson-Massey, Hibiscus and Bays, Howick, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura, Puketāpapa, Rodney, Upper Harbour, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā, Whau

## Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

### How important are these priorities to you?

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.**

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades**

**Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply**

**Community marine education and marine biosecurity work**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

## **Franklin Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

**I don't know**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivery of Auckland Council Community Hub Services (library, arts, and customer services) in Beachlands and Clevedon**

**Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay**

**Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre**

**Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes**

**Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan**

**Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

**Tell us why**

## **Howick Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support local businesses and Business Improvement Districts on crime prevention and safety**

**Work with the Youth Council, Business East Tāmaki, business and tourism sector, and others, on youth upskilling, including increasing funding for the Young Enterprise Scheme**

**Review and refresh the Howick Local Board Heritage Plan and Tourism Plan**

**Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay**

**Trial a surveillance programme to help curb illegal dumping in Flat Bush**

**Develop initiatives for live monitoring, capturing and documenting the levels of poison/toxicity in our local waterways to increase awareness and enable enforcement**

**Investigate options on introducing a targeted rate to help fund the delivery of the Flat Bush Library, Community Centre, and Pool and Leisure Centre.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**



**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Explore a site for a recycling centre**

**Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge**

**Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

**More support to volunteer networks**

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

### **Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme**

A BID is a local economic development initiative run by a business association under the Auckland Council BID Policy (2022). It involves businesses in a defined area paying a targeted rate to fund specific services or projects in their BID boundary. The Māngere East Village Business Association Society Inc. (MEVBA) has failed to meet key BID Policy requirements, including accountability reporting, AGM minutes, strategic plan, and appointing a BID Manager. MEVBA also breached its constitution and did not notify the council of non-compliance. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board is now considering terminating the BID programme and targeted rate, with the possibility of re-establishing a compliant BID programme in the future if conditions are met.

**Do you think we should end the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?**

**Tell us why**

## **Manurewa Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing the levels of service for maintenance and repair of all assets across buildings, parks, open spaces and sports fields, town centre cleaning, street litter bin emptying, vegetation clearance, and berm mowing works**

**Improving sports fields including maintenance, sand-carpeting and lighting**

**Identifying ways to support the council's response to roaming dogs**

**Boosting the amount of funding available for community grants so more projects and initiatives can be delivered by community, arts and sports groups**

**Expanding the number of funded initiatives that respond to the needs and aspirations of children and young people**

**Developing tailored community partnerships with key groups, organisations and networks where their interests and priorities are aligned to outcomes in the Manurewa Local Board Plan 2027**

**Providing the Pacific community with capacity support, and a grant to undertake feasibility and concept plans to deliver the Pacific hub on Clendon Reserve**

**Scaling up the work being delivered to achieve environmental outcomes**

**Investigating the need to extend the opening hours in our community facilities such as the two libraries, the pool and leisure centre and Nathan Homestead**

**Funding initiatives that stimulate economic growth and generate prosperity in Manurewa.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Fenced Dog Exercise Areas**

**Do you think we should investigate providing fenced dog exercise areas?**

**Tell us why**

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants**

**Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme**

**Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets**

**Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models**

**Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives**

**Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)**

**Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour**

**Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Ōrākei Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding..

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Increase our funding for local ecological restoration, and animal and plant pest control, and continue to work with our many community volunteers to enhance our natural environment**

**Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support**

**Fund and support local events, such as Splash Landing, Anzac services, and an event to celebrate the re-opening of Remuera Library to showcase our spaces and benefit local residents and businesses**

**Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways**

**Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing**

**Progress detailed design and consent work for Thomas Bloodworth Park and Shore Road East sports fields, and for field and sports infrastructure at Colin Maiden Park, and renew artificial playing surfaces at Michaels Avenue Reserve**

**Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre**

**Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell**

**Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Seawall Repair from Tāmaki Yacht Club to Archilles Point, St Heliers**

We would like to maintain and repair seawalls, replenish sand, and extend stormwater outflows further offshore on our beaches from Tāmaki Yacht Club to Archilles Point, St Heliers, as well as re-sand Tāmaki Beach and construct groynes to help keep the sand in place. To fund this, we would need to investigate a targeted rate of around \$10 per year, for each household in the Orakei local board area, for 10 years. If progressed, the Governing Body would need to make a decision on whether to introduce this rate as part of the annual budget 2026/2027, after consultation on a more detailed proposal. The rate could then apply from 2026/2027.

**Do you think we should investigate this proposal?**

**Tell us why**

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

**Ensuring Māori culture and the values of mātauranga Māori are visible in public spaces**

**Addressing safety concerns in neighbourhoods, common areas and town centres**

**Delivering on increased local economic outcomes**

**Supporting small businesses to act on environmental sustainability**

**Progressing the planning for options to address community service needs in Old Papatoetoe**

**Supporting local environment groups to work collaboratively with community volunteers in efforts to clean, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces**

### **Planning for the delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

#### **Manukau Sports Bowl**

**Do you support prioritising the planning for delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl?**

(This may include exploring alternate sources of revenue, such as a targeted rate in future years)

**Tell us why**

#### **Hunters Corner Business Improvement District**

For the 2024/2025 financial year, the Governing Body did not set a targeted rate for the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District. This was due to the Hunters Corner Town Centre Society Inc (HTCTS) not complying with the BID Policy. If the HTCTS remains non-compliant with the BID Policy by April 2025, council will not set the rate for 2025/2026.

**Do you have any comments on the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District?**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

**Which three of our services are least important to you? (select up to three)**

### **Papakura Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progressing some of the new Sports and Recreation Plan, economic development, and youth projects identified from the work being completed in 2024/2029**

**Requesting strategic assessments to understand needs relating to: Opaheke sports and passive parks; Awakeri Wetlands; Kuhanui Reserve, Karaka; Park Estate Reserve, Park Green; new play facilities at Pulman Park, and the Greenways/Local Paths Plan**

**Advocating for access to the legacy parking fund for carparking projects**

**Assisting the Takanini Business Association's proposed establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) programme and BID targeted rate for Takanini**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

**Takanini Business Improvement District (BID)**

We continue to support the Papakura and Takanini Business Associations to grow and develop businesses, and to make the town centres more lively. Takanini Business Association is seeking to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) programme. If it is successful, business ratepayers and owners located within the BID establishment area will become members of the Takanini BID programme and pay the associated BID target rate.

**Do you think we should establish a Takanini Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?**

**Tell us why****Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities**



The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Considering the community programmes that are delivered from Wesley Community Centre and Roskill Youth Zone to get better utilisation of the facility**

I don't know

**Investigating the use of the Fickling Centre and Library, to ensure that it is able to respond to the needs of the growing Three Kings community**

**Supporting community groups that lease council space, so they can find ways to share their spaces and continue to provide great community activities**

**Implementing recommendations from the Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan so that the recreational needs of our growing communities are met**

**Planning for the development of Monte Cecilia Park so that this becomes a destination park and an icon for Puketāpapa**

**Investigating projects from the Wairaki Awa Catchment Plan that can be implemented, such as naturalising the awa at Lynfield Cove**

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

**Increasing the number of local events, arts and activations, especially in local parks**

**Supporting arts and events by working with existing community groups to help coordinate their work and make the most of opportunities**

**Supporting community-led placemaking initiatives that engage diverse groups, promote safety and community identity, and increase greater connectivity and participation among businesses and community members.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

**Tell us why**

## **Waiheke Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Community Pool Development**

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

**Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?**

**Tell us why**

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding. The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

**Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)**

**Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson**

**Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association**

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

**Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks**

**Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

**Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

**Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?**

**Tell us here**





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Like to see more user pays weighting instead of ratepayers funding everything. Rates are taxes which also have a GST tax applied to them (tax on a tax), and further, are increased by capital valuations - which should be the driver of the increases. This multiplication effect is disheartening for those of us who save hard to get ahead.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It will be an admin nightmare and discourage visitors. The major events are unclear and as such the goal here is vague. High probability this money would be hijacked by a niche user\focus\cultural\minority groups. Perhaps would be different goal was to build a waterfront stadium for everyone,

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Flood water management in Wairau Valley should be a top priority. Let's not forget we had multiple pump station failures in Cyclone Gabriel and floods exacerbated by poor maintenance of storm

water systems. I see a lack of responsibility on this with responsibility falling between Watercare and Auckland Council. e.g. Wairau Creek capacity upgrades, and a risk that in the next flood event they point fingers at each other again.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

More English less other languages.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

##### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

##### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

##### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

6. Is very important to safe guard our community from climate change weather events and water quality from a health and safety perspective. However I am totally against taking land from the Takapuna Golf Course for water storage purposes. The huge increase in apartment dwellings on the North Shore means more and more families will rely on community assessed green spaces. Downgrade the golf course to nine holes and add walk/bike tracks, playground, safe dog park etc. We have to protect our precious green spaces as they can never be replaced.

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Local parks strategy and planning

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Please protect the Takapuna Golf course for recreational purposes. With so many apartments being built we need all our recreational spaces protected





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Because transport needs to be better around school kids need to a different School bus. Changing filter water with cleaner water and having new funding for all of our community and the disabled community as well all of us including disabled community are apart of Auckland council

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

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Do not support

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No

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna,Rodney



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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

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Transport for wheelchairs on buses all school buses need to have two school buses



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Less important

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3a. In all areas, I think the removal of rubbish tags invites people to be less careful about rubbish disposal.

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Watercare has failed the city despite ongoing increases in the price of water, water delivery infrastructure has been mismanaged and the result has been costly and sometimes deadly especially in 2023. Of all the CCO's that require reform and disestablishment Watercare is the one. Auckland Transport could also look at introduce local licences to operators for short shuttle

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Do not support

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<https://www.majorevents.govt.nz/major-events-fund> - Can this not be used instead? The Major Events Fund has a \$60 million five-year appropriation. It is a contestable fund that is not intended as a source of ongoing, year-on-year investment in events. A bed-night levy is typically applied to tourists staying in short-term accommodation like hotels, Airbnbs, or hostels. This can create an unfair financial burden on visitors, especially those staying for longer periods. Tourists already spend significant amounts of money during their trip, and adding an extra fee could discourage travel to certain destinations. For instance: High costs: For budget travelers, backpackers, or those on a tight budget, the additional fee may make the destination feel unaffordable. Competition: Visitors might opt for cheaper destinations or places that do not have such levies, thus potentially reducing the volume of tourism. A BNVL is heavily reliant on the volume of short-term visitors. This can create financial instability Short-term focus: The levy often focuses on short-term visitors, but sustainable destination management requires long-term strategies, investment in infrastructure, and local engagement. These goals could be better supported through diverse funding models, such as a combination of private investment, Central Govt public grants, and taxes that are more broadly spread across residents and businesses. Over-dependence on tourism: A destination might become too reliant on short-term accommodation for funding, leaving the community vulnerable to changes in tourism trends. If tourism declines, the area could lose funding for crucial infrastructure improvements or marketing campaigns, even as the demand for such services grows. Disconnection from Local Needs: Funds generated through tourism can lead to a focus on projects that primarily serve tourists (like luxury hotels, expensive ticketed events, and large festivals) rather than addressing local needs such as affordable housing, transportation improvements, or support for small businesses and key regional events that are not televised. There's also the risk of alienating local residents and smaller businesses that don't directly benefit from tourism-based funding. Major sporting events and ticketed activities often require significant investment. While they may draw large numbers of visitors, these events can sometimes have limited impact on the local economy or community. They can be expensive to organize, with costs potentially outweighing the benefits if not properly managed. Also, they may cater primarily to certain types of tourists (e.g., affluent visitors attending high-end sports), while excluding the broader community. If tourism fees start to add up, visitors might start to feel nickel-and-dimed. The cumulative cost of travel, including accommodation, meals, attraction fees, transport, and now



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Support most

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Support most

### Tell us why

More needs to be done to improve transportation options across Auckland. In particular to the airport from CBD and other hubs so people don't need to drive to the airport. Buses help, but they also get stuck in traffic. Seems like trains would be best option. So much time wasted going to and from the airport.

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Support

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#### Tell us why

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Very important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

Have not had the time to study the plan in detail

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Support

**Tell us why**

The City sewer network is an aged system, and does not function adequately most of the time. However the loadings into the sewer network are continuously increased, the City politicians appear to be unaware of how the drainage networks operate and whether they are effective.

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I don't know

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Waste minimization must be a forced policy by Council.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Insufficient time to cover key points

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Environmental Issues - Council seems to lack initiatives on environmental matters. Such as do something about proliferation of pigeons, sparrows etc in shopping precincts. There needs to be a serious pest eradication (or reduction) but this also needs to be widened to include pest plants such as privet, moth plant, pampas grass etc. and possums and rodents. Community awareness of environmental problems needs to be strongly communicated by Council.



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Support most

### Tell us why

No plan to improve Lake Rd congestion.

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Support

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Do not support

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I think it is a major disappointment to switch from a user pays system for waste disposal to a flat rate fee which provides no incentive for households to reduce their waste and recycle more.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I would like to see the council burying the power lines along all the beaches on the peninsula and improving the stormwater drainage to keep the ocean clean

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Less important

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Rough sleeping is a growing problem on the North Shore. It is getting to the point where the Council could usefully act as a facilitator and see if there was interest in community groups in setting up a night shelter with, hopefully, local businesses providing some financial support



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Support

### **Tell us why**

Major international events benefit all Aucklanders, with increased economic and social benefits. Everyone enjoys getting behind our team, and if this is a way of funding these activities then we must do it. It was really disappointing in last year's budget when the approach was taken that international events are a 'nice to have' and we lost the benefits that we could have enjoyed.

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Support

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I support the proposals but am concerned that there is no mention of support for the arts and for sport and recreation (other than playing fields). The grants programmes are very important in supporting local arts centres and supporting ongoing sustainability of sports groups.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

We need to look after what we have before taking on new initiatives, and we need to see value for money. The steps at Milford Beach were overpriced and the middle set of steps have been under sand and unusable for 10 weeks. I am not confident the LB has the level of commercial expertise needed to ensure projects are not over engineered and overpriced. The Sacred Grove project was controversial and was over promised and under delivered (still nothing happening 4-5 years down the track. Giving LBs more money and more power sounds good in theory but political decisions are often a compromise and don't often produce the best result.

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities  
- opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

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**Tell us here**

You need to give us confidence you can deliver on the plan. Nice words are empty words unless they are backed up with action. I have confidence in Wayne Brown - just leave it up to him and we would have a well functioning city!



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Support most

### Tell us why

Not happy about aspects of destination management

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I do't think it is the council's job to spend money on marketing and major events

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

no

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The ethnic communities plan is a waste of money, as is the Community Hub. A waste of resources and money on these 'nice to have' ideas - too many staff resulting in too little results

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

no



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I do not support increasing urbanisation to raise capital. Not until existing infrastructure meets current population needs which it does not. I do not support any further borrowing. I do not support extension and development of the Takapuna Library

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Out of line with Auckland being a welcoming city. Not ethical for behaviour towards our visitors.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I do NOT think rubbish collection should be separate from rates. Rubbish collection should be included in rates.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I do not believe the Takapuna Library needs to be rebuilt as a community centre. It does not appear over-utilised at present, and I believe has the capacity to service the growing population.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**



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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Common sense.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Money in rate payers pocket. Spend it wisely please.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Fairly important

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

When I was a young lad we were taught to be thrifty. This counts to all council initiatives.

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#### **Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities, Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

I disagree on councils parking meter plan. Due to the marginal public transport we have. The current roll out is going to have grave consequences for businesses. eg Devonport. Take your hand off rate payer's throats until public transport is consistent.



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Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Upper Harbour

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

## **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services ,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Local parks strategy and planning

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

All VERY waffley and hard to measure.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

##### **Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Support and encourage very waffley! Hard to measure.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

probably the 3 most important things in a community

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Probably would like a 1.5-2.0per cent charge. Accommodation is very expensive in Auckland

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

I consider everything listed is important for our area to be a progressive area of the Auckland region. It will make for clean place where locals and visitors alike will be proud to live in or visit

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

All of these are important but some affect people more than others

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Community programmes and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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fairer funding for local boards part of the plan not overly clear in the document

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Support

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As much as non-Aucklander tourists will move the local economy, they will also accelerate the wear and tear of local assets that locals will have to pay contractors to maintain and repair. Only fair to ask that they invest more in the region so we can accommodate repeat and/or increased visits in the future and still make the experience nice for them instead of facilities falling into disrepair.

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Support

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#### Tell us why

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Improvements to sports club assets would be great idea.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Less important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Very important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Fairly important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Less important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Less important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Fairly important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Fairly important

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Council needs to reduce charges and not increase them. Wastage to be ruthlessly removed and focus only on essential services. For example - why is this survey in 8 languages when reasonable fluency in English is requirement of residence and citizenship. Why are footers and titles in the plan written in Te Reo when the plan is in English? Stop virtue spending and fix root causes...e.g.

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Do not support

### Tell us why

This revenue is being used for events that should not be funded from the public purse and are most unlikely to attract visitors from other regions. The levy is more likely to dissuade visitors and reduce income for local retail and hospitality. There is NO business case provided. Just stop subsidising events for a few with the money of most.

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Do not support

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Target for rates should be a decrease, You have just replaced pay-as-you-go bin tags on North Shore and increased rates. So now we pay for a weekly collection when we only needed it once every 2 or 3 weeks, Be sure we will not bother sorting rubbish into 3 categories any longer and will just put everything in the one bin. This is a great example of give in operational control to people with no practical knowledge nor accountability for the use of our money.

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Too vague. No stated outcomes. What does 'support' mean? Flood impacted communities. Never heard of this, even though we got flooded twice due to inadequate stormwater systems. Council should spend money sorting key infrastructure, not this waffle. What is the 'Ethnic Communities Plan' and what ethnicities does it cover? Nobody has ever spoken to us, although we've been here 10 years, neither born in NZ and least one of us being from an 'ethnic minority'. Sounds like virtue signaling. Climate action means what? Overall this seems like do-gooders wasting even more of my money, without consultation or approval.

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I don't know

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What is this plan? We have never been asked for input. Of course we don't know who you are including in this race-based description but maybe not people from Pacific Islands.

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In the three topics in the previous question, why are Arts centres linked with community centres? There are no questions about CCO reform. I have no clue what 2 of the organisations do - Eke Panuku and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. With respect to AT, you need to cease and desist spending another cent on cycle lanes or raising pedestrian crossings, What you do need to is some planning and scheduling to coordinate roadworks so the same areas are not being constantly dug up. Lake Road is an embarrassment. A fortune spent on cone companies with staff glued to their mobiles and thousands of hours of ratepayer time lost due to unnecessary delays and closures. And stop running full size bus from the ferry terminal to Stanley Point which never has more than a handful of passengers and is often empty, when a minibus would be more than adequate. Save money, road wear, fuel and pollution. Lastly, cease all spending on woke initiatives and activities

that do not have any positive outcome. E.g. bus announcements in Te Reo for streets that only have English names, drag queens being given access to our children.





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I found it had to find out what the council proposals are for local boards for the coming period other than a statement about allocating fairer funding, which was a bit ambiguous as it didn't explain how this would affect each council, presumably some will have more funding and some less, but how that affects each area is unknown. I also found something from 2024 about youth seats on boards which I do not agree with, perspective is better with experience.

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Flood resilience is of major importance given particularly the situation in Wairau., I don't think the Community hub in Takapuna is a huge priority when the condition of footpaths in some of the town

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Seems like a fair plan for all

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

User pays!

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Plan looks good, but will any of the plans actually be fulfilled???

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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No





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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Youth activities

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Very important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

#### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community.

The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support all

### Tell us why

Need to be transparent across the board, and get Auckland moving, well watered, and treat the community with respect, after all you are spending our rates to do so. Remember all includes it actually means ALL NOT A SELECT FEW that yell the loudest.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

It is common overseas when travelling, it needs to be introduced but fairly so as not to deter travellers from coming.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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3A. Just make it simple and non complicated so extra costs are incurred for either council or rate payer. 3B. Rates are an easy target, they should be carefully assessed, and only applied where necessary. One gets the feeling council sees ratepayers as cash cows, when they should be looking at the council spend and use age of ratepayers money, I am sure, as you will be also, if you are honest when I say there is a lot of waste age going on that could be stopped if your mind turned to it!



**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The time has come to take careful account of what is really important to/for ratepayers and good value for the \$s they contribute. Council needs to get the Shore working, transport wise, reading issues, etc revise cycle lanes etc to save wasteful spending and make use of what infrastructure already in situ, such as, from here on it evaluate if a cycle lane is necessary use on of the already existing footpaths dedicating it to cycles, scooters and motorised people movers. The other footpath dedicated for pedestrians, both clearly marked! It both opens roads for traffic or a bus lane, remove the excessive medium strips to a more conservative width to widen the road carriage way, it may sound radical but it could well work but may not be woke enough for planners! Move traffic, essentially AT and other council and government agencies have been the prime movers in grid lock with poor decision making. Parks are an important asset they deserve care and attention as does the environmental aspects, but keep the lights on while you are doing it. Get the people's confidence back, at present the feeling for council and other organisations is at an all time low ebb, so that is your challenge and one I hope councillors do not shrink from.

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Very important

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Less important

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I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Clearly 1 to 6 are fairly important given history, and should be moved along to ensure projects leave our beautiful area in as good a shape as we can for those to come, and for us to enjoy. No 7 is a nice to have, that section benefits from points 1 to 6, in terms of Ethnic communities hope it includes all, not just a vocal group wanting more ratepayers money for nefarious reasons!

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**Tell us here**

Use English it is the most prevalent language, Māori is a nice to have and may make you feel good but get a gripe, when you are driving, communicating or corresponding it is awkward and unnecessary to contend with! Just long long winded speech in Māori where no translation is respectfully offered to those in attendance, do right rude if done either way! We trust. Councillors to fulfill their roles, albeit not many vote for them or nowadays respect them, so perhaps it is time councillors actually earns respect by doing their job and get Auckland back to No 1 where it should be. You even have a Minister for Auckland for what it is worth. ?



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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden, Aotea/Great Barrier, Devonport-Takapuna, Franklin, Henderson-Massey, Hibiscus and Bays, Howick, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura, Puketāpapa, Rodney, Upper Harbour, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges, Waitemātā, Whau

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Less important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Fairly important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Very important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Very important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Fairly important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

**Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.**

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades**

Less important

**Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply**

Less important

**Community marine education and marine biosecurity work**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Less important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Franklin Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivery of Auckland Council Community Hub Services (library, arts, and customer services) in Beachlands and Clevedon**

Less important

**Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay**

Less important

**Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre**

Less important

**Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes**

Less important

**Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan**

Very important

**Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**



The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Less important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Less important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

## **Howick Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support local businesses and Business Improvement Districts on crime prevention and safety**

Very important

**Work with the Youth Council, Business East Tāmaki, business and tourism sector, and others, on youth upskilling, including increasing funding for the Young Enterprise Scheme**

Less important

**Review and refresh the Howick Local Board Heritage Plan and Tourism Plan**

Less important

**Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay**

Very important

**Trial a surveillance programme to help curb illegal dumping in Flat Bush**

Fairly important

**Develop initiatives for live monitoring, capturing and documenting the levels of poison/toxicity in our local waterways to increase awareness and enable enforcement**

Less important

**Investigate options on introducing a targeted rate to help fund the delivery of the Flat Bush Library, Community Centre, and Pool and Leisure Centre.**

Less important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

**Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Fairly important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Less important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Less important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Less important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Fairly important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Fairly important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Less important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Less important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Explore a site for a recycling centre**

Very important

**Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge**

Less important

**Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

Fairly important

**More support to volunteer networks**

Very important

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

**Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme**

A BID is a local economic development initiative run by a business association under the Auckland Council BID Policy (2022). It involves businesses in a defined area paying a targeted rate to fund specific services or projects in their BID boundary. The Māngere East Village Business Association Society Inc. (MEVBA) has failed to meet key BID Policy requirements, including accountability reporting, AGM minutes, strategic plan, and appointing a BID Manager. MEVBA also breached its constitution and did not notify the council of non-compliance. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board is now considering terminating the BID programme and targeted rate, with the possibility of re-establishing a compliant BID programme in the future if conditions are met.

**Do you think we should end the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Manurewa Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing the levels of service for maintenance and repair of all assets across buildings, parks, open spaces and sports fields, town centre cleaning, street litter bin emptying, vegetation clearance, and berm mowing works**

Fairly important

**Improving sports fields including maintenance, sand-carpeting and lighting**

Less important

**Identifying ways to support the council's response to roaming dogs**

Less important

**Boosting the amount of funding available for community grants so more projects and initiatives can be delivered by community, arts and sports groups**

Less important

**Expanding the number of funded initiatives that respond to the needs and aspirations of children and young people**

Fairly important

**Developing tailored community partnerships with key groups, organisations and networks where their interests and priorities are aligned to outcomes in the Manurewa Local Board Plan 2027**

Fairly important

**Providing the Pacific community with capacity support, and a grant to undertake feasibility and concept plans to deliver the Pacific hub on Clendon Reserve**

Less important

**Scaling up the work being delivered to achieve environmental outcomes**

Less important

**Investigating the need to extend the opening hours in our community facilities such as the two libraries, the pool and leisure centre and Nathan Homestead**

Less important

**Funding initiatives that stimulate economic growth and generate prosperity in Manurewa.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Fenced Dog Exercise Areas**

**Do you think we should investigate providing fenced dog exercise areas?**

No

**Tell us why**

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**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

Document too long. Cut the promotion and instead just tell me in plain English what you are proposing spending money on and why. Let me rank several options.



## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

I don't know

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Investment into water and transport is good. More investment into our natural environment, including creating/maintaining natural species and protecting native species, is required.



## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

For the waste management proposal, I think charging for the amount of waste produced is very sensible and makes far more sense than charging for each property, when the usage per property of the service may differ significantly.

## Question 4:

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Conservation and environmental groups are doing incredible work in our area, largely supported by volunteers. More support of these groups is vitally important for the character of our area and to support our very special native species.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Auckland clearly faces a significant infrastructure deficit, especially in essential areas like public transport, cycling networks, pedestrian safety, and climate resilience. While the proposed annual plan takes steps in the right direction, current funding remains insufficient to address the scale and urgency of these issues. I strongly support increased investment in public transport infrastructure,

cycling paths, and initiatives that create vibrant, walkable communities. However, cutting cycleway budgets or limiting active transport investment risks undermining progress toward climate resilience and equitable urban growth. Auckland's infrastructure needs substantial, sustained investment rather than modest or superficial adjustments. Given Auckland's manageable debt-to-revenue ratio, there is room to responsibly increase borrowing to address the city's pressing infrastructure needs. Additionally, considering the relatively moderate proposed average residential rates increase of 5.8%, there remains reasonable scope for higher rate increases. Such increases, combined with prudent borrowing, would ensure adequate funding to deliver substantial and lasting improvements in public transport infrastructure, active transport projects, community resilience, and environmental programs that genuinely and measurably benefit all of us. Auckland can and should leverage its borrowing capacity more fully and raise rates to address its infrastructure and climate resilience gaps decisively and sustainably.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

### Tell us why

This doesn't seem like an effective thing to focus on since it is beyond the agency of Council and requires central government. We're supposed to be having our say on Auckland's plans, and it is fine and good I suppose to go bother someone else to solve a problem, but I am more interested in solutions that Auckland actually has the capability to do itself. Need more money? Raise rates. Also, the key to making Auckland a vibrant city in which people want to host events is to genuinely invest in the sort of environment and infrastructure that makes it a great place as a destination. Trying to get central government to action a levy that then pays for marketing, etc. is too narrow a perspective.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

### 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

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A 5.8% rates increase is too little to close the gap on Auckland's infrastructure investments. All this belt tightening is silly in a country that has no capital gains tax. And there is plenty of room for borrowing. Auckland should be investing, not trimming, because it has so much potential.

## Question 4:

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Support most

#### Tell us why

generally supportive, but wish there were more measurable outcomes stated

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

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Less important

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I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice As written, this doesn't seem worth mentioning. Of course future decisions should take advantage of existing reports and advice. If they do not, those would be incompetent and mismanaged decisions. Why does this need to exist?

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Much of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board plan reads like a plan to have a plan about planning and I'm left wondering where the \$5.8 million capital spend is going. I think all of the local board plans, even given the limited space, could be much more specific in the whats and whys.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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proposed increase in rates should not be higher than inflation rates

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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Support all

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Sound and well founded proposals

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Well reasoned proposal

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Generally proposed expenditure meets my priorities.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

#### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

All are essential initiatives.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in

higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

In this economic climate, another rates rise a pretty difficult pill to swallow to be honest. Our rates are double what they were when we bought 9 years ago which is well above the average rate of inflation for the same period.



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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Very important

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**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I don't agree with getting rid of Takapuna Golf Club just for catching water in (hopefully rare) flooding situations. It can surely be changed to operate as flood catchment when required, but remain a Golf Club and general open space the remainder of the time,

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities  
- opening hours and services, Community events

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Tell us why

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Support

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Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Fairly important

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**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

I don't know

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

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I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community events,Sports and park activation activities,Youth activities

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I don't know

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

I don't know

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Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

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Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I still seeing to much dross being paid for and not absolute necessity.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

You will just use it to price Air BNB out of existence if you get the chance.

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Every year I seem to pay more but don't see any more for it.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Concentrate on roads and footpaths. That other garbage can be done by someone else.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Forget the ethnic communities plan. That is not core council business.

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

As long as the funds are allocated to the proposed plan and not the pockets of non visual, no impact, councilors that couldn't fight their way out of a traffic coned area

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Depends on the rate increase cost structure over the years. The council inflation rates exceed more that the rate payers salaries.

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#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The Takapuna market area that was developed to open up space and a connection to the beach, is garbage and poorly designed. The use of concrete and brown, grey colours has no link to blue seas and golden sand of Takapuna beach. If the rate payers don't vote you end up with idiots like

Chris Darby on council that supports wasteful spending like the redevelopment of both the Takapuna and Milford Toilet Blocks.

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Community events,Sports and park activation activities

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Support most

### Tell us why

Do not support selling airport shares

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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User pays is the fairest system and encourages waste minimisation, however I accept that unfortunately some people would rather dump waste to the environment rather than pay for it to be picked up, which free pick up (included in rates) overcomes.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I do not support the development of the Takapuna Community Hub, if it is to involve costly and long term (more than one month) disruption of the Takapuna Library. The proposal to add a floor to the library building will be expensive and very disruptive as the building was not designed to have a floor added. Whatever a Community Hub comprises, surely it could be incorporated within the existing footprint of the existing buildings including the Mary Thomas Centre and the Community Services Building at minimal cost compared with a Library extension. I do not support loss of the Takapuna Golf Club for Takapuna and Devonport Board/Auckland Council/Watercare purposes. There is already steady loss of open spaces throughout Auckland, especially active open spaces without removing existing open areas currently designated in the district plan.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Auckland pays pitifully low rates compared to cities of a similar size overseas. It's time for us to do our part.



## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

### Tell us why

While I whole-heartedly support investment in significant community events I don't think bed night visitor levys is the correct way to fund it. Visitors contribute not only to our economy but directly to our local government through things like public transport and entrance fees. We're already an expensive city to visit. Let's make it more attractive to visit Auckland, not less.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

### 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

### 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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## Question 4:

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Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

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Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I think we should be focusing more on bringing people into Takapuna and the community hub is not the way to do so. Also I think the golf course should be developed into a catchment area.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community development and support activities,Community events,Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The Council needs to stick to its core functions. Keep up the water infrastructure, get rid of AT's ridiculous, expensive raised crossings, put back the bins it took away from parks and reserves, clean streets and drains regularly, and let people entertain themselves rather than pay to entertain them with events. Develop playgrounds in new subdivisions like East Coast Heights where there's

nowhere for children to play. Keep golf courses. Do not use them for other purposes as so many people make use of these lovely green, exercise areas!

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

A bed night visitor levy would have to be a National levy, not a messy, hotchpotch one in Auckland and not elsewhere. Consistency throughout the country, simplicity, not complexity!

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Refuse collections should remain weekly.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Do the basic council jobs well. Don't spend extra on entertaining the community. Keep the golf course in Lake Road for all to enjoy. Get rid of the ridiculous raised crossings around the Ward. Build a few playgrounds in the new Silverdale subdivisions for children who have nowhere to play in their neighbourhood!

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Less important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Development of playgrounds in new Silverdale subdivisions is crucial. Keep golf clubs as golf clubs. Reinstate any rubbish bins which have been removed from public spaces to discourage dumping of rubbish. Keep up routine maintenance, street cleaning, drain cleaning etc.

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why****Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

I don't know

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Local parks strategy and planning

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

### **Tell us why**

I support this in principle, but in practice implementation is difficult and lumpy across different accommodation providers. I don't think it should be used to fund marketing and major events activities, instead it should be used to improve destination management, for instance improvements in bus terminal for visitors coming in from airport (if is currently a disgrace at Sky City), all transport etc.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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We need to pay what is costs. Don't defer costs to future ratepayers, charge now.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I like the mix of people and environment. It really saddens me that strengthening active travel routes does not feature.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The North Shore's natural environment is being severely degraded due to population growth and more and more infill housing. We need to protect these spaces. Wairau Valley water management is a no brainer. Must be done.

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**Tell us here**

So sad the Active Travel (biking and walking) are not prioritized. No progress on getting pedestrians and cyclists over bridge... we are lagging behind rest of Auckland. Simeon Brown is wrong about bike lanes, they change communities, people and cities for the better. Tell him to  
\*\*\*\*\* off.





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Support most

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

no needs fo rates to go up. rates should be going down and spending should be going down.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

dont waste maoney on maori and lbgt rubbish and you wont have a short fall.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

councils job to collect rubbish. no one should be charged.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

vague ideas with little actual thought put into them and with zero costing for us to see.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

typically vague with no clear strategy leading to oney being wasted on woke politically \*\*\*\*\* !

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

rates need to be cut every years. spending needs to go every year. council wages need to go sown every year.



#1923



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I think that transport needs to be invested in for sure as well as water and local communities. However, I'm not for the 5.8% increase.



## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

**Tell us why**

I partially support it but I don't know if the council actually needs the money? These events seem to be really good as they stand

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I think community spaces are very important so I am for funding going into these spaces. However, I'm not sure if some of the environmental stuff is necessary. I think cleanliness of the environment is important though

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local parks strategy and planning,Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Agree on most items consulted on in 2024. Support Auckland Future Fund establishment and Capped Weekly \$50 Public Transport Pass Do not support Fairer Funding for Local Boards. Our Local Board will be extremely disadvantaged by the new model. See comments below.



## Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Yes, support this way of funding support for major events. From our perspective, these are not core Council business although we fully recognise that large events are a vital part of making a large city a place people want to live in and visit. Very much support advocating to Government for a short-term stay bed tax to pay for this side of Auckland's social and cultural life. Good luck!

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Support the standardisation of the Refuse Targeted Rate across the whole city. Support the proposed rate increase as being in line with the previously consulted-on Long Term Plan 2024-2034.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

High priority given to Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan and support for flood affected communities. Support development of Takapuna Community Hub but believe any development should include the Milford community as a highly interested party in any new amenity in the continued absence of any council facilities in Milford itself. It's notable that Milford and other close-in suburban areas are invisible in discussions at the 'Takapuna' hub. It's not just about Takapuna. Disappointing that there is so little new or substantial in the way of potential projects in the local board area.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

DTLB priorities and plans Agree with high priority for development of a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan to make use of existing reports and advice Agree priority to continue planning and developing the Takapuna Community Hub. However, any plan or development must take into account that this facility and the existing library serves a far greater area than the Takapuna CBD, although you wouldn't know this from the way this project is talked about in Council documents. We give extremely high priority to providing parking accommodation at any new development to recognise the patronage of this facility from a wide surrounding area. We give high priority to maintaining and improving community facilities like parks, sports fields, libraries and community venues. We point out, as always, that Council has no community venue in the Milford area due to decades of neglect of this suburb's needs. This gap in provision should be given a very high priority. We believe the absence of priority for the needs of seniors should be addressed by the DTLB, especially considering the high proportion of retired people who reside in the local board area.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Grants, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Fairer funding As a community organisation, Milford Residents Assn is only too aware of the importance of local board funding for local initiatives that reflect the special character and wishes of our local community. Examples are the Local Board funding for longer library opening hours in Devonport-Takapuna and funding for local theatre productions including the annual Christmas Day performance of 'End of the Golden Weather' and the 2023 premiere production of 'Rangitoto' at The Pumphouse Theatre. Adequate local board funding for local initiatives should be regarded as

a strategic link between the bureaucracy of Council and the local communities that fund it. Local initiative funding and grants are especially beneficial to Council because they create a sense locally that the Council is doing something for them and their board area. Local funding can counter the widespread view that Council milks local ratepayers and gives little in return. We believe the Devonport-Takapuna local board area will be unfairly disadvantaged under the proposed model, especially once the transitional period ends. Last year, Council committed to keep DTLB at the same funding level during the transitional period (with some additional for inflation) but is now reportedly trying to walk back from that commitment, citing cost forecasts. We believe savings in operational areas should be found to cover any incorrect forecasting of costs. Council should stand by its commitment to DTLB during the transitional period and Council should ensure that each local board has sufficient funds to make a difference in their area..



#2039



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I think we spend too much on activities and need to spend less there and more on the basics of keeping the city moving. I would like to see you take back Transport - as we need parking in the central city to be more available and the speed limits put back to what they were. The lights onto the motorway are also a ridiculous idea. They slow up Auckland and don't ease congestion, if

anything they create more. We have some very ideological people who really need to be replaced with practical thinking people to enable our city to grow and thrive.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Make it easy for people to come to our city and visit. The more we have the more jobs it creates and the more people that visit the more they spend here and create a thriving environment for us all. Make us attractive to visit.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

How about we get the basics done first before we go spending money on things that are unnecessary. e.g. When are the Kennedy Park steps being re-instated? A definite no from me on: Takapuna Community Hub Flood Impacted Communities Ethnic Community Plan Arts + Community Centres Community Development + Support Activities

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

We need to be frugal with spending and put it where it makes the most difference to all rate payers.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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#2106



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Rates shouldn't go up for the entire Auckland as some communities will not benefit from the transport/infrastructure upgrades

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Supported if bed night levies were added for international travelers but not if its another local charge

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

I don't know

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The North Shore seems to have the highest rates but never benefit from any infrastructure, safe cycle ways for children biking to school, traffic issues within Takapuna-Devonport. Crime is rising and it seems Council put all their efforts in central or South Auckland and forget North Shore is apart of Auckland!

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Less important

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Very important

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Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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Community climate action and sustainability activities,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Grants

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Support most

### Tell us why

Allowing greater traffic flow through lake road needs sorting. NOT by more public transport or bike lanes! We don't want to bike or bus! We have groceries and are car pooling children. Public transport for far distance takes too long and is too expensive and I have no desire to take it. The

gardens around Devonport at roundabouts need to be changed to permanent plants rather than throwing away money into short term blooms.

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Support

**Tell us why**

If it is a lower amount

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Other

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Rates are getting too high. If rubbish is incorporated it needs to be representing general use and not another means of gaining profit

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

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#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Less important

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Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Community events,Sports and park activation activities,Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Fix lake rd traffic not by public transport or biking!





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The Auckland Council has announced it is cutting Local Board funding. There needs to be more attention focused on wastewater improvements (increase catchment) We need to return Bins to the community especially recycling. We do not need parking charges in CBD and the ongoing removal of parking facilities. We need to invest in Park and Ride at rail and bus to ensure safety and grow

capacity. The closure of the Railway crossings must be done with a long-term plan, to minimize disruption to affected communities

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

### **Tell us why**

We should be adopting a breakeven approach to events. Charge the users. Bed Tax increases costs to visitors which if small is fine but can you avoid creep. To be fair such taxes are common in other countries. It must be ring fenced not utilized for other purposes

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Support

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The rate of increase is damaging to the NZ economy. Currently Auckland is on track to increase rates 53.5% (accumulated) over 5 years. The Council needs to cut costs and reduce increases to

no more than the rate of inflation. Please note the Rail crossing closures are not budgeted at this time.

## **Question 4:**

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Less important

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I don't know

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

There is a need to develop a water catchment plan for Wairau area. This should not involve closing the golf course. The water storage can be incorporated into the golf layout. The Floods of 2023 identified an urgent need to focus on storm water capture. Little has been done to date. The time is for action there are solutions. The Local Sports grounds and clubs are a priority and also fixing the quality of footpaths.

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There is a need to make cuts to the plan to reduce rate increases. This should focus on support staff especially the 'communications officers. We need a focus on results, improve productivity by removing the layers between the person actually doing work (drains etc.) and those the Council contracts with. There is much waste in this process



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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Most other proper cities have it. We wint be blacklisted.

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Support

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

##### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

##### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Less important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

##### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Dredge browns bay river



#2269



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Costs are to high, 5.8% is not being efficient with our money.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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### **Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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You are spending our money, make good choices.





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Support all

### Tell us why

Benefits everyone, I like the direction council is going ie. with future fund, it is investing our futures (not just spending money).

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Generally speaking, visitors during these events are well off and can afford to travel. They make use of the facilities and should contribute to this as the rest of us pay tax.

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Community is very important, creates a space of belonging. Maybe if we can direct those in need to those spaces, we wouldn't have problems as such.

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I don't know

### Tell us why

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Support most

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Support

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### **Tell us here**

Lake Rd must be fixed before allowing any more houses to be built on the peninsula. The only way to get people out of their cars is reliable public transport that doesn't get stuck in the traffic.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Your inclusion of waste collection charges into rates is encouraging more lazy, wasteful and damaging landfill. You have not provided any real evidence that supports this approach rather than the pay as you go approach which actively disincentivises over use of landfill.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Kaipātiki



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

There is no supporting evidence to support investing in a Takapuna Community Hub. This money would be significantly better used by boosting existing facilities / services rather than developing a new one to compete against them. Flood impacted people need action rather than just opportunities to share experiences.

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Grants, Local water quality activities

## Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Very important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Fairly important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Less important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Very important



**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Very important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Very important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Less important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Rates should be applied based on need NOT race. .

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Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support

**Tell us why**

Other cities around the world do it and it hasn't deterred tourism. As a tourist myself in cities (europe) I didn't even bat an eyelid as an early 20s tourist, it's just something you take on board as part and parcel of travelling.

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays, Kaipātiki

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Very important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**



**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Support most

### Tell us why

It's missing something. Please can you make a plan to stop people from stripping the sealife off the rocks at beaches? They use piano wires and building tools and do irreparable damage. They even take starfish, and buckets of 80-100 mussels - well over the limit. Who will educate them? Who will police this? Can you make educating them on this part of the requirements for becoming a NZ

resident and a NZ citizen? <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/northern-auckland-residents-say-crowds-stripping-local-beaches-bares/LGGON4LOFBAN3JNR3GKSPHYEEA/> And <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/muriwai-residents-say-crowds-stripping-rocks-bare-of-sealife/WLO2PXRHV5FC5KJ55U54MWICGU/>

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna,Rodney

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Less important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

I don't know

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

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## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Point 7: does it include educating people in the community about not taking piano wire and chisels to the beaches to strip the rocks bare of sealife? Will they be policed?

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I only in favour of transport projects. Water price is already high and people can't afford extra cost

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Our rates are extremely high versus the services and maintenance we receive on the local roads. Poor quality chip-seals are not the most cost saving option. The amount of supervision on the road asphalt is zero. Drive couple of local roads and you will see yourself. No planning to have leafy streets to add value to city

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna





## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

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Less important

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Very important

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Less important

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Very important

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Support most

### Tell us why

It seems to be concentrating on core values, transport ,water. Which is what I want to see. Don't spend money on nice to have thingd

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Support

**Tell us why**

So long as the tax money is used for tourist enhancements. Not on nice to have.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Every ratepayers should pay the same amount for council services. I live on the north shore and rubbish collection charges are included in our rates

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden, Devonport-Takapuna

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Less important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Less important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Less important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Less important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Less important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Less important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

These questions are poorly designed. It does not matter what I say . I beleive there is a hidden agenda and decisions have already been made.

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Less important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The rate is too high,

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

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### **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Less important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Less important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

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Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services ,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality improvement activities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The level of rates is ridiculous at the moment as based on extremely inflated CVs from 2021. I have a property in Mangere that has a CV of \$1.55m, but good luck trying to sell it for even \$900K! Unless there is a fair property revaluation across the board, the level of rates we are having to pay in an already strained economic conditions is absolutely unjustified. The Council needs to focus on cost-cutting measures internally, instead of looking at ways to milk its residents more effectively.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

It's too high, focus on core and cut down the cost like everyone else.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Generally the rates are too high.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Sports and park activation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

Everyone is suffering from the tough environment, could you please justify your high cost base (especially corporate overheads) and let people know why it fits for the future.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

As long as it goes to support major events, not minor events. Major events include those hosted at Eden Park. I see that events hosted by Eden Park in the last 15 years have generated over \$1 billion of benefits for Auckland.. I expect the council to support commercial rate payers who bring massive benefit to our communities.

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna





## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I would like to see the prioritisation for movement on our roads, including improved cycleways. I do not understand why key connections have free private vehicle parking on the road instead of dedicated cycleways.. Facilitating movement is the purpose of road is not parking Trailer trailers boats, camper vans and cars that don't move.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Sports and park activation activities,Local water quality activities,Youth activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Little Shoal Bay Boatyard has been shut after 64 years. The Local Board has been influenced by a handful of misguided residents living in expensive homes above the Bay. This mistake made by the Local Board needs to be corrected. The best use of the flood-prone foreshore area (on a reclaimed rubbish dump) is a hardstand for boat maintenance.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Council has got themselves, and therefore us ratepayers, into \$12 billion of debt, through mismanagement and deception: ie telling ratepayers the CRL would cost 2.2 billion, by deliberately not including all known costs. New taxes or rates shouldn't be used to cover up Council mistakes.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki

**Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Reopen the Little Shoal Bay Boatyard. The Kaipatiki Local Board has been misled by three or four local people with an unexplained vendetta against the yard. The LSB Boatowners Association has been subject to a campaign of collusion and misinformation, with the Local Board party to this abuse of process. Reopen the yard.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Less important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Reopen the Little Shoal Bay Boatyard. It is an essential recreational facility for local sailors. .

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Investigate the conduct of Council officers in relation to the termination of the LSB Boatowners Association's Licence to Occupy.



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Rate rises should be kept to a maximum of rate of inflation.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Better option than asking ratepayers to fund

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Support

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna





## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Rates rises should be capped to a maximum of rate of inflation

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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Less important

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Local parks strategy and planning,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Too busy

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

More expenses

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Other

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No

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Inequalities

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#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

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Fairly important

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Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Rather not

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Community programmes and services

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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No



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Would like to see more large events in AKL. I'd like to see better utilisation of Eden Park

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None



## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki, Upper Harbour

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

I don't know

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Very important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Less important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Very important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Very important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Very important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Fairly important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Very important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Fairly important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Need to complete Te Kori Scott Point to full planned design including two baseball diamonds and initial development of sports clubrooms.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities, Local waste minimisation activities

### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Under-used capital + increasing maintenance urgency + local sports clubs in need of larger scale facilities.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**



#2633



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The annual plan should be part of 5-year-plan to ensure the long term vision of the city is achieved, nit make decisions shortsighted. There was work happened over and over on the same spot causedinconvenience. What is the root cause of it?

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

**Tell us why**

How do you define short-stay commercial accommodation? To the visitors, are you referring to visitors outside of Auckland or New Zealand or North Shore? It's so vague.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The long-time Auckland resident feel being punished by the increased rates annually. Living is so costly these days.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities



**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Don't know enough to comment. Don't really know what is going on. Don't even know the neighbors. Surely there should be a REAL neighborhood day for connecting people.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Don't know enough to comment. Don't really know what is going on. Don't even know the neighbors. Surely there should be a REAL neighborhood day for connecting people.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services,Community events,Youth activities

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

Make it a 5-year-plan then revise annually.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I think that the rates increases are too high. I am self employed and cannot put my rates up that much!

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

Accommodation for tourists is already expensive and travelling overseas is expensive, so a small change in that cost will not be noticed.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I think that the general rates increase is too high.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### **Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

I don't know

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**



Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

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Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Wairau Catchment development plan is an important infrastructure to help those residents that live in high flood risk areas of future loss and damage to property and safety of our communities with losses of life in the last big floods. Supporting ethnic communities is very important for our community to be able celebrate diversity and being able to help bring all our communities together and celebrate one another. Especially high risk communities that need help with health risks and also people feeling isolated.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community development and support activities,Grants,Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

Future fund needs to be managed well and returns needs be invested into the areas that aucklanders want it invested in. This could be done in a consultation format for the next year were you could put a poll in where should the return be invested in. As the sale of local assessts and future benefits needs to be transparent and Aucklanders have a voice in what happens with that money. I don't agree with the sale of local assets to offset the cost of future projects. We shouldn't be relying on a one time sugar hit to take on projects we can not offered and robbing our future and generations to come. Especially sales to offshore investors that have no interest in what will benefit Auckland and aucklanders in the long run. And taking their return on their investment back off shore and not recirculation money back into our local economy.



#2853



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I don't know

### Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I'm afraid the council organisation and delivery will not be as good as the previous system. Our rubbish hasn't been collected for a month. All that needed to be done was a sticker put on our bin to say it was econowaste instead of waste management. Having to buy a new bin is ridiculous and unsustainable and creates waste and costs more money.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

##### **Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

##### **Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

##### **Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

##### **Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

##### **Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

##### **Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

It always says better than it has become

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

We spend much money on the cloud ,and the event doing there was not always successful ,and parking in the city cost a lots it's not too attractive

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

When asking citizen to buy rubbish tags you guys know it did not let you get much money because the household don't put away the rushing bins for three weeks,now you forcing household to pay those fee by increasing the rate,it's just robbery

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Less important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

I don't know

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Nz has not much to do,so it's very important for people and family to do exercise,Albany stadium is very important but they are not user friendly they always shut down ,and I can not see much interactive between the pool to the public ,not much activities and all kids need to learn how to sw for free and swim for free

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**

Don't spend on unnecessary road works,



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**What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?**

**Tell us why**

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

### **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I strongly support Local Environmental Groups. The use of Volunteers in helping to maintain our local reserves and open spaces and other areas for everyone to enjoy. They are important not only to the community but also to Council who do not have enough resources to maintain the upkeep of these areas. Without volunteers our reserves and open spaces will look neglected! The funding for this work is VERY important to keep it going.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities



**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

There is a big mixture in there

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It should be enough that those providing short stay commercial accommodation pay greater rates than normal commercial operators

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I think the tags system works well and saves waste going to the landfill. Certainly in our North shore area that was the case.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

There is too much of a mixture to say

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

##### Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**



Maintaining parks, libraries, in other words core council facilities is of benefit to most in the community.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

No



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I feel like Auckland's transport system is getting worse and worse, yet more money is put toward it each year. Trains shut down on weekends, chip-sealing residential roads (a nightmare to drive/cycle/walk on), unnecessary roadworks which go on for months and months.... I don't like seeing my tax dollars going toward these things.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Grants

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

I hope Auckland Council will continue to provide operating funding to our city's anchor arts and culture organisations. While I support the arts in all forms, this statement will focus specifically on my involvement with the Auckland Philharmonia, which has been graciously funded in part by Auckland Council in the past. Our concerts are enjoyed by tens of thousands of people across our city every year, and it is the largest employer of artists and creative workers in Auckland. I am a professional working musician who left everything in my homeland (USA) to move to New Zealand in 2018, solely to work for the Auckland Phil. I didn't have to - I chose to. I knew immediately, at my first rehearsal in the Town Hall, that this was a very special orchestra. 7.5 years later, I could not be happier with my decision to stay and contribute to this wonderful city through my work in the arts. Just today, we wrapped up our collaboration with the Scottish Ballet as part of the Auckland Arts Festival. In the short span of 5 days, we developed a very special bond with the small group of musicians who traveled from Scotland to perform with us - plus all the dancers, with whom we shared a break room. This is what the arts are about - connecting people across the world with a shared passion. I am proud to welcome them to our thriving, vibrant city! In the community, Auckland Phil musicians work closely with 50+ schools in the region, mentoring their young musicians in their band and orchestra programs. I frequently visit St. Mary's and Orewa College, as well as the Auckland Youth Orchestra. These students would be limited to a one-dimensional course of study without Auckland Phil's professional musicians to encourage, inspire, and enrich their lives. It was professional mentors like us who shaped my early years as a musician and paved the path for my eventual career in music. This is my way of giving back to the greater music community, and I want these opportunities to continue with the generous help from Auckland Council. I've attached a photo which sums up the special connection we make with the children of our city. Thank you for continuing to support Auckland's resident orchestra!



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Do not support local boards to cover the cost of speed limit changes made by central government  
Do not support reduction in safety improvements

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

seems fair

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Kaipātiki, Upper Harbour



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Do not support what has been suggested for Lake rd

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**



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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Fairly important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Very important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Very important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Very important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Very important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Fairly important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Parks in Kapatiki have been focused on selected sporting codes I support Kapatiki local board with multi sport programs for fair and safe use all season I support the Multi sport centre development plan for Birkenhead War Memorial .

## **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Fairly important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Very important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Very important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I support funding for walkways and or cycleways for Upper Harbour Highway

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries facilities - opening hours and services ,Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services ,Sports and park activation activities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I do not understand why do item 3

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

I don't know

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

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Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Local arts and culture activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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#### **Tell us here**

Your plan is too basic. It doesn't show what the intended impact of the items is. It also doesn't say what you DIDNT include. What is the point of disagreeing when there is no alternative for me to suggest.



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Support most

### Tell us why

Western Springs Speedway needs to stay, home to over 100,000 speedway fans accross the country. Historical and theres no need to get riid of it. USE NORTH HARBOUR STADIUM, IT DOESNT GET USED.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

WESTERN SPRINGS SPEEDWAY NEEDS TO STAY.



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Air BnB and visits like these are a great way to support the local community even further.

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities,Community development and support activities,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I'm happy with everything but transport needs to be a larger cut of that budget. More roads are not effective and there is less space to build them. And providing rail transport that is every 5 minutes and not every 30. As well as rail transport on the north shore

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

It's a great source of income for the city while also simultaneously controlling tourism numbers so It can be sustainable

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Introduce a property tax for those that own 2 or more homes within the city

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

NO BUSSES. WE NEED TRAINS. The buses are subject to car traffic which is terrible. And people will take trains not buses

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

They are all good

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MORE TRAINS I BEG. AND LESS ROADS. countless times it's been proven that providing effective alternate forms of transport will reduce traffic. Not more roads. Please get rail on the north side of the bridge



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Mixed opinions on this. Don't like the idea of bed levies in principle but don't like the shortfall even more

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Support

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#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

You need to apply DOGE principles to Auckland Council - remove the waste, fraud and abuse - before conveniently trying to source more money from ratepayers and businesses

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Don't run events that don't pay for themselves. Makes more sense to make Auckland a more attractive place for people to visit - less crime and grime will work wonders. Not to mention not turning Auckland into a constant building site.

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Support

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Don't keep increasing rates just to cover your increased wage costs. Reduce your wage costs first. It doesn't really make sense why a \$3m property pays higher rates than an \$800K property - what's the reasoning behind that except for the Tax the Rich one?

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Hibiscus and Bays

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

They really should only support local businesses and local communities to keep the area clean and crime free - and not waste money on social and environmental policies

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Less important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Less important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Safer, vibrant and more attractive town centres are the things that matter - everything else is a bunch of people talking about stuff and getting nothing useful done

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

It should survive on its own merit

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**

Focus on reducing waste, fraud and abuse and increasing safety and cleanliness before simply increasing rates to pay for it



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

These 3 things are important to me and to the growth of Auckland

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I like the user pays component to this proposal

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I think most of these proposals will improve the lives of the people living in this community

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Youth activities

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The takapuna playground public bathrooms need more TLC, they are always in awful shape and disgusting. Majority of locks don't even work!

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Community development and support activities,Community events,Youth activities

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Support most

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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No





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Sports and park activation activities,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Rates need to increase significantly to pay for improved public transport and utilities that have been neglected by previous mayor's and lack of rate payer funding from whingy boomers

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Seems like a no brainer as air bnbs have ruined the rental accommodation in auckland

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

N/A

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

## **Waiheke Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

Fairly important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Very important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

Very important

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

Fairly important

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

Less important

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

Less important



**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Community Pool Development**

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

**Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

The school has a pool and waiheke is surrounded by very swimmable ocean 90% of the year. Rate increase makes sense to the mega millionaires hoarding wealth of waiheke

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

It seems like the whole council is behind Mayor Brown's quest to use our money wisely.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Good, accessible events are what makes a city great to live in. Anything we can do to help fund them should be explored.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I think this plan has good, broad coverage. I wonder about the cost of libraries however - have they become museums? I imagine they are very expensive and I just don't think people use them anymore - no idea.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The Wairau Catchment has been an environmental embarrassment for generations and the recent catastrophe has highlighted how large it is and the risk it poses to so many people.

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Community events,Local water quality activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I think that some of the ideas and propositions are good, however perhaps not always relevant. For example, I think that the Council wastes so much tax payer money. \$260,000 on a four stairs in Milford is unacceptable and frankly, quite embarrassing.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland businesses, individuals, are already taxed enough. When taxpayer money is wasted, it doesn't make sense to give more away. This extra budget towards festivals, I'm sure will be spent irresponsibly.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

N/A

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I like that it is very community focused and is helping the people. Ensuring our environment is protected is also very important and I feel this is shown in the plan. However we must make sure the money is spent correctly and in a way which is beneficial.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**



Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

All are fairly important. I think it's more about what is going to help us in the future. Also please add back rubbish bins in the local area!!! Why were they removed when litter is everywhere to begin with?

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Youth activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**

N/A



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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Lake House Arts supports the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 with some reservations. We acknowledge the necessity of strengthening Auckland's financial and physical resilience and the need to prioritize investment in transport, water infrastructure, and fairer funding for local communities. These initiatives are crucial for Auckland's sustainable growth and wellbeing.

However, we have concerns about how the implementation of the fairer funding model may impact local arts and community organizations, particularly those within the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area. While the model aims to address historical funding imbalances, it appears that well-established organizations like Lake House Arts may not receive additional support despite rising operational costs and increased demand for arts and cultural services. The plan's focus on core infrastructure is necessary, but it is critical to ensure ongoing investment in the cultural infrastructure and community services that contribute to Auckland's identity and well-being. Continued support for arts, community programs, and inclusive cultural events is essential for building a vibrant and cohesive Auckland. We urge Auckland Council to ensure that contestable funding pools for arts and community activities remain strong and accessible. Additionally, we request that the Council consider creating opportunities for local boards to maintain and enhance funding for essential arts and cultural organizations like Lake House Arts.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### Tell us why

Lake House Arts supports the proposal to introduce a bed night visitor levy as a practical and equitable way to fund destination management, marketing, and major events in Auckland. We recognize that these activities are essential to maintaining Auckland's position as a vibrant, attractive city that appeals to both residents and visitors. The proposed levy, which would raise approximately \$27 million annually, provides a fairer funding model by targeting those who benefit most from Auckland's tourism and events infrastructure. This approach helps alleviate the financial burden on ratepayers while ensuring that critical cultural, sporting, and tourism-related events can continue to enhance Auckland's reputation and economic growth. However, we encourage Auckland Council to ensure that a portion of this funding is directed towards community-based arts and cultural activities. Major events like the Auckland Writers Festival and Auckland Marathon are

valuable, but equally important are the smaller, grassroots arts organizations and cultural initiatives that contribute significantly to Auckland's cultural identity and community well-being. Lake House Arts has a longstanding history of providing inclusive, accessible, and high-quality arts experiences for the public. Continued support for community arts initiatives, alongside large-scale events, will ensure Auckland remains culturally rich and inclusive for all. We urge Auckland Council to ensure that the implementation of this levy considers equitable funding for both major events and local arts and cultural organizations.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Lake House Arts acknowledges the necessity of a 5.8% rates increase for the average residential property to ensure Auckland Council can continue to fund essential services and infrastructure. However, we wish to emphasize the importance of maintaining reasonable and equitable access to funding for arts, culture, and community services. As an established community arts organization serving the Devonport-Takapuna area and beyond, we are concerned that changes to rates, fees, and charges could impact the availability of contestable funding pools for arts and community activities. We urge the Council to safeguard these funding opportunities and ensure they remain accessible and sufficiently resourced to support local arts and culture. The Council's focus on fiscal responsibility is important, but it is equally important to recognize the value of community arts organizations like Lake House Arts in enhancing Auckland's cultural life, social cohesion, and overall well-being. We ask Auckland Council to ensure that any changes to rates, fees, and charges do not negatively impact the sustainability of local arts initiatives and organizations that are essential to the community's cultural identity and vibrancy.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

### **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Lake House Arts appreciates the efforts of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to continue supporting community facilities, parks, arts, culture, and environmental initiatives. We recognize the importance of projects such as the Takapuna Community Hub, the development of the Greenways Plan, and the emphasis on supporting diverse communities through the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan. However, we have concerns regarding the implementation of the fairer funding model, which may result in established community arts organizations like Lake House Arts not receiving additional funding despite increasing operational costs and growing community demand for our services. Lake House Arts is a cornerstone of the Devonport-Takapuna community, providing inclusive, high-quality arts programs and events that enhance community well-being, cultural engagement, and creative expression. We urge the Local Board to ensure funding structures are inclusive of established arts organizations that play a vital role in the community's cultural life. We respectfully request that the Local Board continues to support Lake House Arts with adequate funding to maintain our ability to deliver accessible arts programming and cultural experiences for the benefit of all residents and visitors to the area.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

## **Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Maintaining and enhancing community facilities and venues is the most important priority for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board because these spaces are essential for fostering community well-being, creativity, and social connection. Facilities like Lake House Arts play a critical role in providing inclusive and accessible spaces where people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds can come together to engage with the arts, participate in community events, and build lasting connections. Arts and cultural facilities are integral to Auckland's identity and community resilience. They offer safe, welcoming environments where cultural expression and community engagement flourish. As a heritage facility serving the local community, Lake House Arts provides vital arts programming, education, exhibitions, and cultural events that strengthen social ties and enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike. Investing in the upkeep and improvement of community venues ensures they remain fit for purpose and accessible to everyone. Additionally, it supports economic growth through tourism, community-led initiatives, and cultural events that attract visitors and contribute to Auckland's vibrant cultural landscape. The Council's commitment to maintaining and enhancing community facilities and venues must remain a priority, particularly as demand for these spaces increases. It is essential to ensure facilities like Lake House Arts are supported adequately so they can continue providing their vital services to the community.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

### **Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Grants

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

### **Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

### **Tell us here**

Lake House Arts appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026. While we support the Council's focus on strengthening financial and physical resilience, we wish to emphasize the importance of maintaining equitable access to funding for community arts and cultural activities. As a key community arts organization within the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area, Lake House Arts continues to serve a wide range of residents and visitors through arts education, cultural events, exhibitions, and heritage activities. The importance of accessible community arts facilities cannot be overstated in promoting social cohesion, well-being, and cultural vitality. We urge Auckland Council to consider the following: Ensuring that contestable funding pools for arts and community activities remain robust and accessible,

particularly for organizations like Lake House Arts that provide inclusive and high-quality programs for all. Acknowledging the role of community arts facilities in promoting local tourism, cultural engagement, and creative learning, which aligns with broader destination management goals. Prioritizing investment in community venues and facilities to keep them fit for purpose and able to meet growing demand. We encourage Auckland Council to continue working closely with local arts organizations to ensure that policies and funding decisions enhance, rather than hinder, their ability to provide valuable cultural services to the public.

## The Positive Impacts of Arts and Culture in Auckland

By: [REDACTED]

### Abstract:

This analysis explores the extensive positive impacts of arts and culture facilities on Auckland, New Zealand, with a particular focus on the case study of Te Whare Roto o Toi - Lake House Arts. As a prominent and well-established community arts facility, Lake House Arts provides valuable contributions to community well-being, economic growth, individual health, intergenerational engagement, tourism, intercultural connection, and the broader arts industry. Through detailed analysis of various Lake House Arts activities, programs, and projects, this analysis highlights the indispensable role of community arts organizations in fostering creativity, cultural inclusivity, and social cohesion.

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## Chapter 1: Introduction

Arts and culture are fundamental components of vibrant and resilient communities. In Auckland, arts and culture facilities contribute not only to economic growth and tourism but also to social well-being, intergenerational connection, and individual mental health. This analysis focuses on the significance of community arts organizations like Te Whare Roto o Toi - Lake House Arts in promoting these positive impacts across multiple areas of Auckland's cultural landscape.

Te Whare Roto o Toi - Lake House Arts is a community-focused heritage facility located in Takapuna, Auckland, operating since November 2000. As a charitable trust, Lake House Arts



offers a wide range of programs, events, exhibitions, and educational opportunities that engage diverse audiences, foster creativity, and promote inclusivity. Its activities include art classes, cultural festivals, sculpture symposiums, heritage conservation efforts, and special events celebrating cultural diversity and community resilience.

This analysis will analyze the positive impacts of arts and culture facilities in Auckland across several key areas: Community Benefits and Well-being, Business and Financial Benefits, Individual Mental and Emotional Health, Intergenerational Benefits, Tourism and Inter-Cultural Benefits, and the National and International Arts Industry.



## Chapter 2: Community Benefits and Well-being

Community arts organizations play a crucial role in enhancing the social fabric of Auckland. Lake House Arts has demonstrated significant contributions to community well-being through various activities, including:

- **Race Unity Day** (Annual Event): Celebrating cultural diversity through performances, workshops, and food stalls representing various ethnic communities, promoting understanding and unity.
- **Matariki Celebrations** (Annual Event): Incorporating workshops, arts and crafts stalls, food, and performances to honor Māori culture and engage the broader community.
- **Free Community Events Program** (2025): Including events such as Waitangi Hakari, Eid Celebration, Lunar Festival, Diwali, and other cultural festivities, promoting accessibility and inclusivity for all.
- **Nga Kitenga Hou Initiative**: Successfully delivering programs supported by additional cultural support, providing accessible arts experiences to underserved communities.

- **Zero Waste Placemaking Workshops:** Collaborating with the Wairau Zero Waste Hub to promote environmental awareness and creative sustainability through art.
- **Te Pō Mārama Project (Matariki Whakairo Collaboration):** Supporting large-scale Whakairo sculptures and night-time cultural events that engage the public in unique ways.

These activities enhance social cohesion, cultural pride, inclusivity, and environmental awareness, thereby strengthening the community's overall well-being.



### Chapter 3: Business and Financial Benefits to the Auckland Economy

Arts and culture facilities such as Lake House Arts significantly contribute to the wider Auckland economy through direct and indirect financial benefits to other businesses and industries. Key contributions include:

- **Increased Local Spending:** Events and exhibitions hosted by Lake House Arts attract thousands of visitors annually. These visitors often support nearby restaurants, cafes, retail stores, and accommodation providers. Events like **Race Unity Day**, the **Sculpture Symposium**, and various cultural festivals draw attendees who contribute to the local economy through dining, shopping, and transportation.
- **Tourism Attraction:** Signature events such as the **Matariki Celebrations** and **Sculpture Live | Whakairo Ora Symposium** not only attract Aucklanders but also appeal to national and international tourists. This influx of visitors benefits local businesses, including hotels, transport services, and hospitality providers.
- **Job Creation:** The thriving arts scene supported by Lake House Arts indirectly contributes to employment opportunities within Auckland's tourism, hospitality, and retail sectors. Additionally, the facility itself provides jobs for tutors, administrators, and cultural workers.

- **Commercial Partnerships and Sponsorships:** Collaborations with organizations such as **Foundation North**, **Becroft Foundation**, and **Xero Small Business Fund** illustrate the economic potential of public-private partnerships that benefit both the arts sector and the wider business community.
- **Economic Revitalization Through Cultural Tourism:** Lake House Arts contributes to Auckland's cultural tourism appeal, enhancing its reputation as a vibrant, creative city. Events hosted at Lake House Arts provide reasons for tourists to explore Takapuna and the wider Auckland area, boosting economic activity.

This broad network of economic benefits highlights the essential role of Lake House Arts in supporting the wider Auckland economy, directly and indirectly benefiting businesses across multiple sectors.



## Chapter 4: Individual Mental and Emotional Health

Engagement in arts and cultural activities has been proven to enhance individual well-being and mental health. Lake House Arts offers inclusive, creative outlets for expression and learning through:

- **Art Classes and Workshops:** Affordable education for all ages, fostering creativity, personal growth, and emotional resilience.
- **Scholarship Programs:** Providing underserved communities and children with high-quality arts education, encouraging confidence, skill development, and cultural pride.
- **Exhibitions and Artist Residencies:** Supporting both emerging and established artists by providing platforms for creative expression and recognition.
- **Creative Residencies and Exhibitions:** Opportunities for artists to explore personal themes, develop skills, and share their work with the community.



## Chapter 5: Intergenerational Benefits

Lake House Arts actively promotes intergenerational collaboration and learning through:

- **Orientation Workshops:** Educating artists about the history and kaupapa of Lake House Arts, creating a sense of connection across generations.
  - **Heritage Projects and Archival Work:** Documenting the history of Lake House Arts and preserving knowledge for future generations. This includes the ongoing work to chronicle exhibitions, events, and activities spanning 25 years.
  - **Community Art Programs:** Creating opportunities for people of all ages to participate in workshops and cultural events, encouraging mentorship and skill-sharing between generations.
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## Chapter 6: Tourism and Inter-Cultural Benefits

Arts and cultural events at Lake House Arts contribute positively to Auckland's tourism industry and intercultural understanding. Events such as the **Unity in Diversity Project**, which brings together Korean Jogakbo and Māori Weaving, provide unique cultural experiences that attract tourists and locals alike. Additionally, large events like the **Sculpture Live | Whakairo Ora Symposium** draw visitors interested in New Zealand's rich sculptural and carving traditions.

Cultural events promote greater understanding and appreciation of diverse cultural identities, while also enhancing Auckland's reputation as an inclusive, creative, and welcoming destination for all.



## Chapter 7: Grassroots to Global Arts Industry

Lake House Arts plays a foundational role in nurturing future artists who may achieve national and international recognition. Its community-focused programs and exhibitions provide opportunities for emerging artists to gain experience, develop their skills, and present their work to wider audiences. The availability of **scholarships**, **artist residencies**, and **exhibitions** allows new talent to flourish, contributing to the growth of New Zealand's creative economy.





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

While I do think that Auckland has been a bit road-obsessed in recent years causing excess traffic and costs I am interested as a young person, to see more public transport as it will benefit our environment. the overall feeling of Auckland city is very much in progress for as long as I can

remember it has been a city in construction. This is why I do have some concerns about your goals to have more events in the city as it is not exactly something to be proud of YET.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I haven't looked into this specifically. There seem to be pros and cons as this is a small cost for tourists but could put pressure on accommodation.

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Support

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## **Question 4:**



## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Hibiscus and Bays

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

A much higher priority needs to be placed on the environment. Young people need relief from the pressures of environmental degradation. The youth spaces you want to develop should be natural spaces. That is what we want, need, and deserve and it will benefit the environment more. It would help to foster a sense of positive environmental responsibility rather than fear-driven.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The North Harbour stadium is an opportunity to improve the community feel of this area. It has been neglected and disrespected. Perhaps we could look into eco roofing for it?

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

I am the Grandaughter of Chris Kennigns who developed North Harbour stadium originally so I am biased. however, I have extremely fond memories of my time at North Harbour stadium as a child - it oozed community. In recent times that feeling is not there as the property has been disregarded. reestablishing this as a community hub is an opportunity for new growth within our community.

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**Tell us here**

Please put the focus on the environment. Every new bit of infrastructure you are so focused on should and can be environmentally positive. We need to start acting before it is too late.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

I support most of the plan. I think transport, water, and helping local communities are important. But I'm a bit worried about the 5.8% rate increase and the \$4 billion debt.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Yes, I support this. It's fair for tourists to help pay for events. This helps bring more visitors and money to Auckland without costing locals.

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Support

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None



## Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

### Tell us why

We need to cut spending further. Our rates are too high already.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

No we don't need this. It's another cost that is not essential. We need to cut costs.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

We need to bring costs down. Stop spending money on side streets being resurfaced that are already totally fine and are low speed areas anyway. Focus on the main roads and highways. Inflation and reckless spending by the government is killing us.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Cut spending. We don't need special events and festivals. We are in a recession. If people want entertainment read a book or go to the beach. We need to bring rates back.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**



We all know costs have gone up and we are in a recession. Stop spending money.

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

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Cut spending



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Support most

### Tell us why

Everything else is going up, so not surprising the rates are. I am concerned about water rates rising because I have lived at the same address since 1960, when only one water main was needed for the 3 flats. Now I have to pay the water rates for 3 dwellings and it is becoming very expensive for a pensioner.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Any increase in profit must be helpful.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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See above re water charges. I do think savings could be made by stopping Council road workers and park gardeners leaving their truck motors running while not in service. I recently passed a truck with 3 workers in it - all sleeping - while the aircon was on in the cab. Passed it again 30 minutes later and they were still dozing and the aircon was still going.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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I rely on Council workers and staff to make sensible decisions and trust that they do so.



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### Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Pay as you go minimises waste, people reduce the quantity of their rubbish if they pay per bag

## **Question 4:**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Very important

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Support most

### Tell us why

More priority needs to be given to climate change mitigation, infrastructure upgrades to increase resilience.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I don't agree with a large levy, and wonder if the cost of collecting a modest one would be greater than the amount collected. Visitors to Auckland spend money anyway.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The tags incentivise people to reduce the amount of rubbish put out

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Good that you are continuing to maintain existing facilities. A couple of new tennis nets at the public courts near Woodall park would be cheap and welcome. Not so good that the climate action seems to be primarily left to volunteers, and providing an avenue for people to talk about it. Improving infrastructure would be more useful.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Support most

### Tell us why

My comments are Devonport Centric. The LTP the funding allocation is not equitable to ratepayer base. There is little to no investment in Devonport where the assets are under pressure. Devonport is a tourist attraction which puts pressure on local infrastructure. Lake Road is a mess

but this LTP focuses funding to Wairau and Takapuna. Funding should be equitable and unfortunately Devonport is missing out and or is being under valued.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

We should focus of attracting visitors not discouraging them with fees. Economic benefit from visitors is more than enough.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I agree with the rates % increase but it will have to fall inline with inflation sometime (near future).

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

The current projects focus on Takapuna and Wairau. What about Devonport, which is a tourist hot spot and has growing congestion problems due to continued development. I request more equitable allocation of funding to ratepayer base. Please invest in the basics such as Lake Road, foot paths and general maintenance.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Fairly important

##### Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces

Fairly important

##### Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Very important

##### Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Fairly important

##### Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information

Less important

##### Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice

Less important



**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

None of these priorities address the big issue of Lake Road and congestion. Issues such as catchment management and planning are business as usual activities.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community development and support activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Major Events are a critical part of Auckland's profile as a leading destination globally. We need funding to attract Major Events to continue to grow and establish ourselves as a world class leading city.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None



## Question 5: Other feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Too much and frequently rate increases. Would be the last straw for lots of families.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Butter to cut off from the current expenditure than ripping off the visitors New Zealand is already struggling to attract.

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Do not support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community events,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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#3808



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Stick to the vital basics. Don't get involved in social development matters.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Auckland - City of Sails - let's be what we say we are known for.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

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Very important

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Less important

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Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

There are still orange cones all over Auckland wherever you go and endless road works, often in the same area again and again, especially at night on motorway on and off ramps. When is this ever going to end? I don't see evidence of contractor costs being reined in. Eg Ventia says they will increase costs next (just for the DTLB area, I am not sure) by \$390,000. Are they just

permitted to increase costs year on year without hard evidence of what is causing the cost increases? How much oversight is given to contractors' increased costs or does Council just take their word for it?

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

### Tell us why

Council can find ways to raise more and more money but they still waste it. How about getting back to basics and stop wasting money. I am against the continuation of Pride parades. These parades are no longer needed to promote acceptance of gay people, that is no longer an issue. Instead these parades have become an opportunity for public displays of over sexual antics by every person with a sexual perversion. I am sick of this sector of society being promoted on our money as though they are special, above others in society, and must be treated with special regard. It is time for this to stop. I am also against any money being spent on rainbow flags and crossings. Stop using our money to push this in our faces, what are you trying to achieve?

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

### 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I don't live in those areas. Firstly they would need to know how much their rates will increase if they stop buying rubbish bags?

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

I hope there will be big changes to the dog bylaws. I am sick of having nowhere to go without dogs running around, at least give us some parks and beaches where dogs are not allowed at all. I am sick of orange cones and roadworks everywhere all around Auckland - when will this ever end or are we truly the permanent City of Cones? I do not want money spent on Pride parades which have become opportunities for a small sector of society to publicly flaunt their sexual proclivities. Why do we need this in our faces AND our money used to pay for it? I am against rainbow crossings and this trend to elevate a small sector of our society above others simply because of their sexual persuasions. I do not want to see money wasted on sculptures in places that nobody wants them eg; the scaffolding sculpture on the Devonport Wharf blocked what was a beautiful open view. We did not ask for this, I want to see local consultation of sculptures. I do not want to see millions of dollars continually spent on upgrading children's playgrounds. Children are happy with basic equipment, it is adults who decided that they would like more colourful structures. The engineering works for these elaborate playgrounds is way over the top and unnecessary. Keep things basic, you don't have to provide fairground-style rides for children. I think the new Mangere-Onehunga walk-cycle bridge is a beautiful example of what Council can do well if they try. Why can't we have more of this truly impressive design that incorporates form and function. Council can do things well, so why do they so much of the time get it wrong and waste money?



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

5.8% is higher than inflation. Why I do not support it being so high. I'm not convinced it's fair for all communities. We lost a lot of rubbish bins in my local area (Devonport) and we also have a lot of tourists who bring rubbish into the area. Other areas get value from tourists and we get the rubbish....



## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

**Tell us why**

I support the bed night levy however I do not support the extra Auckland City Council charges when I provide a B&B. This changed my ability to provide a B&B. I'm sure the compliance cost and complexity are more than the value. So I support the levy but only if the local charges are removed

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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Very important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

We have had enough rates rises in the past few years everyone is struggling and Auckland council rates going up does not help.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Events need to pay for themselves not the ratepayers

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Stick to the basics get Auckland council back on track and Dept paid down. We are wasting money on Interest payments. Forget the rest of the fluffy stuff get the Dept down.

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No property rates increase in the coming five years please.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

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## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Very important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Fairly important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community development and support activities, Libraries facilities - opening hours and services ,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I am not in favour of the visitor levy.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

##### **Tell us why**

The libraries are so pivotal. I am disappointed that the hours have been reduced and other cost saving measures feel shortsighted (not covering books anymore so they quickly get battered, not electronically checking books are not being stolen)

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

##### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

##### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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Support

**Tell us why**

This is common now. Visitors are using our local resources and should contribute to their upkeep.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

marketing and major events should be self-funded

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Auckland needs to keep ahead.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Grants, Sports and park activation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

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Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community events,Youth activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I accept rates have to increase but do not know why I am paying for my small waste bin to be collected each week as I only need to put it out bi-weekly as it is never full

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I think Tourists should pay the bed tax

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I do not support the weekly bin collection service. Why do I have to pay this as my small bin is not full weekly. Could be collected bi weekly as I always did before the new cost in my rates

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**



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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Migrants

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local waste minimisation activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I think that increases more than 3% are wrong as this put pressure on rents as salaries increased abarage by 3%

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

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## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Happen to North Shore and increase 2times expense compare to tags

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

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I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I believe in giving equal opportunity to every person

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities

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Giving feedback is to help local councils to get closer to what is really important to do.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I would prefer to see lower rates increases and the Council to cut back on services. I would prefer to see the Council having no involvement in commercial activities. It needs to stop subsidizing so many activities.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The Council should not get involved in any event marketing. That should be up to the private sector.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The rubbish system needs to be funded through pay as you through out - not through the rates. The current approach is a backwards step.

## Question 4:

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None

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**Tell us here**

Too much is being spent by the Tupuna Mauga Authority. They have upgraded pathways on our local Maunga which have degraded the spaces. They should be left as untouched as possible other than pest control.



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Support most

### Tell us why

Further investment in our city is a necessity if we are to create a good city and grow the economy.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

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Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I firmly oppose the development of this hub it will harm our students and autistic communities.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

1, it's important to me because I firmly oppose it, it will harm many people and is completely unnecessary.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services,Community events

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

It would be great to fix up the debacle that is Stanley Street / The Strand because approximately 1/3 of NZ's commerce flows along these surface streets between the port and the motorways; so the plans mentioned to do this are fabulous. If you don't think it is a problem, I invite you to wait at the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Parnell Rd to cross Stanley St and sample the diesel

fumes. Also, further flooding is inevitable because the rail line is a beautifully built dam to retain all the water that comes down Parnell Road and Grafton Road into Stanley St and the Strand! Is there a plan to deal with future massive rain events?

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Support

**Tell us why**

Good luck with persuading this government!

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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Less important

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Less important



**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I do wish you'd pick up leaves rather than leave them to block drains. Most Aucklanders seem to adopt the spray and walk away philosophy as they blow or brush leaves off their property and on to the footpaths and gutters. It would appear they believe they can behave like this and still have a sparkling clean harbour.

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Local arts and culture activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

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**Tell us here**

I like the sound of the East/West linking activities. Nelson & Hobson Sts to the west, and Stanley St and the Strand to the East are difficult and unpleasant to cross. We have fabulous cultural facilities (e.g. Art Gallery, Museum, Zoo, MOTAT, Stardome); please keep supporting them appropriately.



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Support most

### Tell us why

I like the general direction but would prefer money being spent on the basics and not feel good stuff

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

In my view the charge for running events should fall on those who directly benefit from them. The businesses, the ticket purchasers but not the ratepayers. Bed tax won't raise enough.

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Support

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support any

#### **Tell us why**

Spend the money improving Lake Road traffic flows

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

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### Tell us why

Common sense necessitates.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It's a charge that is widespread and if within reason beneficial to Auckland

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Support

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They can't keep increasing as they have been.

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Keep it within a minimum budget. Councillors will probably be extravagant to satisfy their own interests and agenda..

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The greenways plan sounds just like virtue signalling.. All ethnic communities should be recognised equally, with no one being more recognised than any other.

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I'd be guessing about the actual meaning of Tupuna Maunga so please try using names etc. that the majority can understand.



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Support all

### Tell us why

Good town planning is essential to make Auckland a great city to live in and creating alternatives to private car transportation will do much to support this aim.

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**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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Very important

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I don't know

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support most

### Tell us why

Transport and housing is important.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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We hardly ever use the refuse bin so the orange tag system suited us perfectly. Now I am going to have to pay for it in my rates, whether I use it or not. It also encourages people to throw away more than they would otherwise (ie - get lazy about recycling because you are no longer encouraged to not fill your bins).

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

. I don't know

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Less important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

The things I like: Buses, ferries, waste collection, libraries, Local Board. Things I don't like: Road cones, Māori culture throughout council, CCO don't communicate with each other, drastically slow response for a flood resilience plan for Milford / Wairau

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Support

**Tell us why**

IN general, I support user pays. It was fantastic to see Sail GP and others coming to Auckland.

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Support

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Rubbish collection is excellent and on a few occasions, I have had to contact special collections who have also been excellent.

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Devonport-Takapuna

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I think they could be better supported by council i.e. It took 18 months before the local board knew anything about Healthy Waters flood resilience Plan. Totally unacceptable, many people's lives had been put on hold until they knew what was happening. Council top management isn't fit for purpose i.e. an email to the CEO was never replied to, Healthy Waters GM took 18 months to visit flood zone and never got back to us and AT are out of control.

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Looking at the LB funding, our LB seems to get comparatively less funding than other LBs and yet I feel we probably pay higher rates per property than most other areas. I'm concerned that many of our assets require greater funding. Like the Milford to Takapuna beach walkway, many of the parks and reserves could be better maintained etc.

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Whats Tūpuna Maunga,?



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Support most

### Tell us why

What does 'fairer funding for all communities' mean? WHO monitors this?

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Support

**Tell us why**

All other major cities do it- Akl desperately needs the money.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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You need to publicise food scrap collection better. Many are ignorant as to how useful this program is.

## **Question 4:**

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Less important

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You need to focus on fundamentals- water/waste and transport.. this category is open to abuse.  
Not your domain

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Please advertise food waste management better. More publicity. Provide same person - for security- for bigger apartment buildings. Different people each week don't work.



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Rates already too high

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**Tell us why**

Won't attract the visitors

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You should absorb the rubbish tax in the budget and invest much more to bring the electricity network underground, we look like a third world city with these poles and they go down and out too regularly

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#### **Tell us why**

Need a solution to lake road

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

rates are for infrastructure only , not funding cultural events or social welfare programs. There is no place for an 'event planner' on council staff. Save money by firing anyone with job titles such as 'event planner', communications manager' and the like. Kick out all the socialists-- we cannot afford them. The cost of running the council is far too high. There is far too much waste.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

user pays. The council has no mandate from ratepayers to be in the 'events' business. please get away from this mindset. stick to your core functions. IE:- the provision and management of infrastructure.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The principle to follow is 'user pays'. Also, 'recycling' needs constant adjustment and improvement. The principle here is SORT AT THE SOURCE'. Recycling/ disposal of electrical equipment / batterys/ special metals is not as good as it could be.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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all funding of the Tipuna Maunga Authority needs to be cancelled.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

I don't support taking on more debt but if you think you can pay it back before your term ends then go for it - leave the next council with no more debt or less.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

No, perhaps have a progressive rates system where the super rich pay a higher % of the value of their properties to then help the very poor. And don't tax visitors so they have more money to inject into the economy.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Didn't read

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Make it 50% private, and let them take the risk to ensure it is best used

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Common worldwide and relatively easy to collect.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No rationale provided what this intends to achieve over the status quo. i.e. where is the CBA and value proposition

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Add plans for Sunnynook to make it more inviting, and plan for Pupuke Golf Course to make better use of it as an urban park and destination e.g. playground, picnic/bbq tables, sitting areas (similar to Cornwall park). Unclear where the transport funding is for projects listed in the board plan. Can the LB organise and run more community events at parks?

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important



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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community events, Local parks strategy and planning

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I couldn't get a good feel for new capital projects. e.g. Very few new local walking and cycling mode improvements.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

FAIRER FUNDING FOR COMMUNITIES WOULD BE GREAT, TO CREATE MORE EVENTS FOR WHANAU TO ENJOY AND BE EDUCATED AND ENGAGED

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

TO help with more events in our communities.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Rubbish collection- Happy it's included in our rates

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I support all of the above

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community programmes and services,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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**Tell us here**

I like to see more education on māori culture and te ao māori history and more arts to promote matauranga for all cultures.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The pettiness of the removal of trash bins around Devonport. The lack of council support for the upkeep of our beaches, help with storm damage of fallen trees and general maintenance. I find it hard to agree with a bunch of public servants being paid phenomenal wages always asking for more.

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Support

**Tell us why**

This is tricky, because 'if' the govt is getting its share then I would say they have paid but if it is not declared income then both sides lose.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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no

## Question 4:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

most is common sense, the rest reflects how we go forward in this society as difficult as it is; someone always feels slighted

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important



**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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no, thank you for the opportunity



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Support most

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i think the focus should be on core city services and leave events and DEI relates spending out of the budget

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

if you want to make it attractive for visitors adding another cost to their stay isn't the way to do it.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I think by removing the need to pay as you go purchasing bags or paying for tags you remove the incentive for people to recycle food scraps or be thoughtful with what they throw out in the bins.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

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Support most

### Tell us why

Agree with most and definitely on transport as it would be great to be able to use public transport to get to the airport more easily

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Support

**Tell us why**

Small increase per person for large gain seems good.

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Support

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All seems in order.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Please make a direct bus route from the north shore major bus stations to the Auckland international airport. Once an hour would be fantastic. Thanks



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

It sounds like a good set of objectives.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I offer short-stay accommodation, where the levy will be about \$3. I feel this is a trivial amount which will not affect visitors and will help Auckland as a destination.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Maintaining existing community facilities is most important.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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#4591



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

It is not detailed enough to say. I do not understand why, as Capital Investment decreases, asset value goes up significantly? Eliminate some of the fluffy stuff to ward of rate increases. People are struggling to survive. Focus on core services like roads and water.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

**Tell us why**

I think citing the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon etc is misleading. By achieving better value for money, less waste on silly stuff - existing rates (not increased) would go further. Endless concrete humping and de-humping for example, road cones, road narrowing, beautification projects that just tick everyone off. Raised humps outside schools - I get it. 6-8 in one small stretch, stupid.

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

There is not enough detail or budget to say with greater certainty.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

1. A focus to maintaining existing capital assets, parks etc rather than to new initiatives at this time and given the financial situation. 6. Of course, existing reports should be available for consideration.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

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**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

Please focus on core Council activities only. Nice to haves should be set aside in favour of absolutely necessary activities only at this time. Mounting debt, families hurting. Is it necessary? Can we survive without it? Is it value for money? These should be at the heart of every decision. Then we would have more money for the big things we need and less debt servicing.



#4623



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

You are focusing on only 3 areas of Council spend; there are other areas of spending that need to be curbed like salaries and what did I hear about some ridiculous spend on whale songs for Kauri tree health??!! Ridiculous and totally absurd - is this how councillors spend their own money??



## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Aucklanders actually patronise these events and we already pay taxes - how do you distinguish between us, the tax payers, beneficiaries, the non tax payers and out of towners, who should be the ones to be paying a tax levy???

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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Less important

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Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Is this really going to reduce our annual rates or is this another way of increasing our annual rates which is constantly on the rise? Where is our ROI??

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

you are wasting all the money you collect on useless things

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

there is research showing this is detrimental to the goal

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

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Fairly important

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Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Community development and support activities,Local parks strategy and planning,Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Less important

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Local parks strategy and planning,Sports and park activation activities,Local water quality activities

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Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Its rather standard in other major countries cities

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Support

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Very important

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Local arts and culture activities,Local parks strategy and planning,Local water quality activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Auckland must concentrate on doing the basics and reduce the size and scope of the bureaucracy. The annual plan is another product of the bureaucracy - who are quiet happy with rates increases that are multiples of inflation - as the increases cement their jobs.



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Do not support

**Tell us why**

The money given to ATEED and whatever it is called now is wasted. Money is given to commercial events that are mostly always coming to Auckland. Councilors, ACC staff and media are then gifted tickets and hospitality to attend those events for free. This has been going on for years and is a rort - think councilors, ATEED staff and media being gifted free tickets to Adele concerts and the Lions - after ATEED paid substantial grants to both events. Diwali and Lantern festivals are mostly vote buying.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

ACC is hopeless at doing anything. Community consultation is ignored. The initiatives listed will just enable more waste, woke policies and will inevitably be over budget, late, badly managed and deliver what ACC bureaucrats want.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Sports and park activation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Keep ACC and CCO's out of things that do not concern them. Cap rate increases to CPI.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

A lot of wastage and based on previous records, I doubt any of the plans can be achieved as there is too much bureaucracy - too much talking and not much action. Furthermore, future leaders will have different priorities.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Will the bed levy be paid by those attending these events or by anyone visiting Auckland who may not be attending these events? I guess it will be the later otherwise how do you collect these levies. Instead of bed levy, why don't you increase the entrance fee for those who attend these events - aka user pay?

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Before paying for the Refuse Standard NSC, I used to collect my food scrap as I have paid for it. After I started paying for the Refuse Standard NSC, I stopped collecting my food scrap as there is no point for me to do both and the food scrap started giving out rotten food smell after a day. I suggest Council to compare the Food Scrap Collection volume before and after the introduction of Refuse Standard NSC to see if I am alone.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

**Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

The proposal are too vague/general and don't have enough details on where the funding will be spent.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

I don't know

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

I don't know

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

I don't know

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

I don't know

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

I don't know

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I prefer the funding or reduction be given to understanding how the existing rate payers manage to pay for these priorities. I would like to see where the cost of existing funds can be reduced or cut. For example, I used to take one bus service between Constellation Station to Rosedale and there were seven of us most of the day between 7:30am and 8am. Have the Council consider using a small van instead of a big bus to service this route and other similar routes? A small van will cause less pollution and require less petrol to run. Instead of one size fixes all (a bus) would a van (small or big depending on the demand of the route) be a more viable solution?

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

I would like to see more concrete actions than vision and plan. Wasn't there a vision and plan when the stadium and precinct were built initially? How those vision and plan being fulfilled since then?

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In general, I would like to see wastage from all areas being addressed (eg, do we need that many Council workers, are we getting the best value from them) before the consultation on getting more fund from rate payers to continue.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

There seems to be a focus across a range of areas that encompass living in our city.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I support it because everyone else is in on the action! Especially AirNZ who will double or triple the fares just because there is a concert on. My caveat would be that if the event is cancelled, the levy is removed. It is user pays but don't gouge. Keep it reasonable.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Yes! For the past two+ decades we have diligently recycled and sorted our waste because the financial incentive is so strong. The more we recycled the less we had to pay to remove. My household used the smallest pre-paid rubbish bags, and now we have a wheely bin (the smallest available) we only ever half fill it. I found the bin tag thing a nuisance as we constantly ran out, and preferred the bag system (we still have to use a bag for the wheely bin so the tag system didn't save on plastic bags, by the way!) I suspect we will all, as a society, get lazy and just chuck stuff in the bin if it's already paid for and we will quickly see a big increase in the need for landfill provision. Please do monitor it closely - it seems like a backward step.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Aotea/Great Barrier, Devonport-Takapuna, Waiheke

### Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades**

Fairly important

**Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply**

Very important

**Community marine education and marine biosecurity work**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Fresh fish on Barrier! If run right it would help the local economy and provide very welcome kai for an island dependent on shipments from the mainland.

### Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Water quality is essential. We value clean beaches and lack of sewage leaks. Keep the library hours as long as possible - it is a wonderful shared space for everyone and supports so much community and individual wellbeing and quality of life for all ages. The walkways with stairs up Mt Vic are a waste of money, and completely inaccessible for pushchairs and people with bad knees as well as disabled people. All that gravel!!! Spoils the vibe, keep it a wilderness - so good for the soul in the heart of town.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

## **Waiheke Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

Fairly important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Very important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

Less important

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

Less important

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

Fairly important

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

Less important

**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Keep the environment and community supported and the revitalisation will happen naturally.

**Community Pool Development**

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

**Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Keep the children and seniors active all year round, and especially keeps the children safe if they can swim properly in the sea in summer.

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I think the council should lean into taking care of infrastructure, and the community spirit follows from there. If everything is broken and depressing it won't happen, no matter how much consultation or events you arrange for people. People's lives are so much better if they can read for pleasure, exercise in good surroundings and feel safe in their local area. Studies have shown that keeping things working, clean and tidy have the biggest impact on social health. Community and quality of life grows from that.



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Support most

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Support

**Tell us why**

To establish Auckland as a truly international destination, major sporting events and city music festivals are an essential driver of this. Just look at Melbourne.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Pay as you use (bin tags) is a better and fairer policy rather than a blanket charge

## **Question 4:**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Sporting facilities in Takapuna / Devonport are limited in terms of the number of people involved in sporting activities and more playing fields are required. The existing facilities lag way behind the facilities available in other parts of Auckland. This should be addressed as a priority as it is a material community need and impacts a larger number of ratepayers and their families over other community based incentives.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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Council construction work projects seems to take a significant amount of time with a stop start approach. Projects are commenced then no work is done for long periods but all the infrastructure (and associated hire cost) remains in place eg fencing / machinery hire / TMP / traffic cones. Surely a more condensed approach to completing these works would save costs on these projects and reduce the need to add 5.8% to the rates bill where just appears as the easy option.



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Support most

### Tell us why

Not in support of rate increases

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Support

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Support

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The current system of rubbish bags and tags is so backwards and time consuming. The current system is not efficient in terms of manpower and convenience

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#### Tell us why

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Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

There are more important issues that need to be addressed than ethnic collaboration because we already do the ethnic collaboration really well across New Zealand. We are one big community and there is no need to keep segregating people based on ethnicities.

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Support all

### Tell us why

Happy with the general direction the plan reveals

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Support

**Tell us why**

User pay

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Fair development

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Rates are not proposed to increase beyond what is already indicated. I strongly support council continuing to fund the Writers Festival, the ASB Classic and the Marathon whether or not the government agrees to change the law so a bed tax can be levied to visitors. Auckland needs major

events and festivals to support our economic regeneration after COVID. It is the council group's job to fulfill an economic development role for the region.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### **Tell us why**

I agree with a bed tax, however even if the government does not support a legislation change for this to happen, these events need to be funded regardless.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

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### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Parks, sports fields, libraries and community venues are used by all in the community, and it is important they are well maintained. The flooding in the Wairau valley impacted many people in our area - it is important to understand and access the advice about how to mitigate flooding in this area in the future. We have people from a lot of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds who have settled in our area. It is really important they are welcomed and included into our community.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Community events, Youth activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am incredibly disappointed about the rates increase. Auckland is an expensive city to live in, getting into the property market is tough why punish us for trying to have a secure home. Instead why not charge developers a premium for adding stress onto our infrastructure or charge those with second homes a higher rate

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

You should also consider this for Airbnb

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**



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Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Potholes develop because you use bad roading techniques (chip seal) that are a quarter the price, but cause four times the damage to our vehicles, and result in more call out and cone usage, slowing traffic and wasting productivity with cones and stoppages. Roads like Minnehaha Ave, Takapuna, and Quebec Road Milford, have not had chip seal in the past, and should not in future.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

Tell us why

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Replacing the intersection at Tristram and Forrest Hill when it doesn't need replacing, and the reason is because of a fatality that was caused by two illegal acts of crossing without a crossing and reversing at an intersection. This is a major thoroughfare for cars getting onto motorway and you are going to blockade us all with queues and traffic lights

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Grants, Local waste minimisation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Public transport is very expensive, unreliable. I don't drive, I have no car, I should have a discount on my hop card instead of a massive increase

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Expensive enough

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

We Kay premium already

## Question 4:

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Charge motorways, there are too many cars and if you want public transport to. Work, penalise drivers!

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

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Very important to promote and increase public transport in the RIGHT way

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Rates - 5.8 percent rise - this may be in line with the LTP, but as a superannuitant the continual rise is not in line with my LTP. I have worked hard all my life, am now 70 and had expected to be enjoying retirement. Not so, I am still working solely to pay rates. Surely that is not what life is all about, I can't see me stopping work until I am called home.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

It seems to be anything/every event the Council is involved in means more money from the ratepayers. Please stop it. Ratepayers is what we are, doesn't mean to say you have to bleed us dry for your ideas. How about fundraising on your own with out using the ratepayers for once.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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All of them - again you are using the ratepayer. The food scrap collection - a shambles, many times the collections were late or not at all. Ratepayers have to pay for the pink rubbish bags. You got the product free from ratepayers, did we ever get a free trial of the product - NO. All I got was a house full of fruit flies this year, despite the bins being kept in a spotless condition.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### **Question 4:**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

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Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Your spending is out of control and unmanageably wasteful.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

Difficult to police, but a good idea if the funds are not wasted on nonsense - like bloated salaries for those allowing \*\*\*\*\* poor employee standards - as they no doubt will be.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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All rubbish should be privatised and you stop charging everyone for pathetic service they dont want.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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#### Tell us why

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Less important

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Less important

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#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

do you not see how all of that is money down the drain? none of that - in the wording you have used - needs to be done. Nothing needs to be 'enhanced' until you've stopped bleeding money. Maintenance of public spaces is crucial. The waste on the Takapuna carpark was thoughtless. How

can anyone visit Takapuna now? Oh use the carpark tower you made with the exceedingly expensive bike park that no one uses cause you built it in the wrong place...

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You must all work for Labour the way you throw money you don't have around.



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### Tell us why

Water is the most importance given the recent flooding. Resource consent needs to be only given in non flooding areas and drainage needs to be upgraded I need to drive my own car and do not want to be forced into public transport. I work hard long hours, pay lots of tax and time is important to me. There needs to be concessions for people who contribute lots of tax. There also needs to

be a levy for roof size on large commercial buildings for the amount of rain water they put into the drains. These buildings that don't use much water don't currently pay their share into waste systems with the current systems when there is high rainfall.

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Support

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Support

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Spend your money wisely and don't overcharge us, get your efficient up. I am sure you can cut some coffee in your office which we are paying for it.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

You are treating visitors unfairly, not all visitors go to these events.

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Stop making unnecessary changes. Years ago we changed from a flat rate rubbish collection to tag use and now everything revert back. Why? How many hours and money wasted in your meetings just discussing about this? And stop charging us more.

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

We are still pretty much in recession. You should keep it to basics and get efficient out of your organization. Get more output with less headcounts. Thats what other companies and organizations do and so should the Council.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

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Can't emphasis more, focus on our daily basis and cut unnccessary initiatives.

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Other

### Tell us why

Support if implemented well. For example, certain countries have accommodation tax on hotels and airbnbs. This tax goes towards city infrastructure that is required for both tourists and locals. If implemented well, this could be very good, but if implemented badly, it could leave a bad taste regarding Auckland.

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Support

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Support most

**Tell us why**

One of the main concerns I personally hold is the fact that we drive very dangerously. If you visit any suburban road in the hilly areas of Forrest Hill and Milford you will see all demographics racing down while families on a walk. I would like the dangerous drivers and improvements to road design to slow people down on our roads.

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I support cleaning up our area and improving the community hub in Takapuna. If we look into the future, hopefully Takapuna can be the main central area for transportation and recreation especially on this side of the harbour bridge.

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Make 2 lanes from Akoranga Station to Britomart bus only during peak hours only. Its ridiculous how bad the public transport is between the North Shore and Central Auckland.





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I think charging for rubbish removal encourages people to recycle and would like to know why it is now included in the overall rates charge; were the revenue collection charges too high? I'd prefer to see Eden Park upgraded rather than an entire new stadium, especially as we still have North Shore Stadium which appears to be fully functional.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Imposing a bed fee would be a way a traveller could contribute to the community they visit and mitigate part of their impact on same. I would be wary of finding this method too appealing though and seeing another form of user pays appearing on the likes of our parks etc, payable by everyone - including residents.

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I'm uncomfortable with including rubbish charges in the annual rates for the reasons outlined above. However, I think that all areas need to be consistent - either user pays or annual charge. Otherwise admin gets too complicated.

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Support all

**Tell us why**

All of the priorities are important and I couldn't select any that are more worthy than the others. Perhaps an emphasis on waste reduction, water quality improvements and rehabilitation/replanting etc of natural areas, bearing in mind we still need open areas for group activities, exercisers and dog walkers etc.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The funding decisions could leave out well-loved community arts centres like Lake House Arts Centre that may not get more support even though their costs are rising, and they're doing so much good work for the community. Lake House Arts owns its own building facilities which it maintains by itself, on behalf of our many local cultures and communities. Arts and culture are a

big part of what makes Auckland special. So, I hope the Council will make sure there's still good funding available for arts and community groups like Lake House Arts. It's important to keep our community arts strong and accessible for everyone.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### Tell us why

I support the idea of a bed night visitor levy - at 3%, it seems not a major impost on visitors, without putting all the pressure on ratepayers. Lake House Arts hosts and supports many community arts activities, events, and exhibitions that attract locals and visitors alike. Funding major events through this levy would help ensure Auckland continues to be a vibrant and creative city that attracts tourists and benefits everyone, including smaller arts organizations like Lake House Arts. However, I hope the Council will make sure some of this funding also supports local arts and cultural initiatives, not just big commercial events. Local arts are essential to Auckland's identity and community well-being, and it's important to support both large events and smaller community-based arts activities.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

### 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Just because more fairer funding is going elsewhere - does not mean costs have not risen in our area. Lake House operates through the goodwill of many volunteers and part-time supporters, punching well above its weight, dollar-for-dollar. I appreciate that the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is working hard to support community facilities, parks, and local arts and culture activities. It's good to see the focus on things like the Takapuna Community Hub, environmental projects, and supporting ethnic communities. I'm concerned that places like Lake House Arts might not receive additional funding under any fairer funding model, even though costs are rising and the demand for community arts services is growing. Lake House Arts is an important part of our community, providing accessible arts and cultural experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds. I hope the board will make sure that local arts organizations like Lake House Arts continue to get strong support, so they can keep delivering their valuable programs and events for everyone to enjoy.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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Very important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Priority 3, especially ...community facilities...and venues... Keeping community facilities and venues like Lake House Arts well-maintained and improved is the most important priority because they are the heart of our community. These spaces bring people together to enjoy arts, culture, and community activities that make Devonport-Takapuna a special place to live and visit. Places like Lake House Arts provide fun, creative, and welcoming experiences for everyone – from art classes and exhibitions to cultural events and community gatherings. They are safe and inclusive spaces that help people feel connected and supported. If the Council continues to invest in places like Lake House Arts, it means more people will have the chance to enjoy everything our community has to offer. It's important to make sure these community spaces stay strong and accessible so they can keep making a positive difference in people's lives.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Thank you for the chance to give feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026. I support the Council's focus on making Auckland stronger and safer, but I hope you also keep funding community arts and cultural activities. Places like Lake House Arts are so important for our community. They offer art classes, cultural events, exhibitions, and spaces where people can connect, learn, and feel welcome. These facilities are a big part of what makes Devonport-Takapuna special. I hope the Council will:

- Keep funding available for community arts activities like those at Lake House Arts. •

Recognize that local arts venues help make Auckland a vibrant, creative place that attracts visitors and supports community well-being. •      Make sure community arts spaces are well-supported so they can keep serving everyone who needs them. Please keep working with arts groups like Lake House Arts to make sure they can continue their valuable work.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The 5.8% rate increase is more than double that of 2024, when the CPI increased by 2.2%. The average value of residential property is constantly increasing, but having only one house and living in the same house for more than 10 years, is slammed to the tax from the local government.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Support to apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local parks strategy and planning,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

#### **Tell us why**

If accommodation is too expensive people might opt out. Do we need more expensive consultation and marketing - existing things can tick over until major necessities have been funded. Need fairness in funding - do we support Pipe Band contests or Irish dancing? Not in favour of Hero Parades as we should protect out children.

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## **Question 4:**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

The items mentioned may be worthy but there doesn't seem to be anything to benefit the areas where most of the population live and contribute a large chunk of the rates. Am concerned that Indiscriminate intensification of housing everywhere is causing issues - ugly maximum section coverage, no green space to cater for mental health, and rain absorbtion, run off to neighbouring properties, less privacy and sunlight, more stress on roading, parking, and use of facilities like hospitals, schools and infrastructure.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Fairly important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Would like access to the Maunga restored after all they have survived 100's of years.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Many of the capital projects seem unnecessary and do not provide enough benefit to justify the rate increases. The exception to this would be wastewater and water processing projects, which are necessary.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It is better to have fewer, richer tourists than lots of tourists who don't spend much. bed levy is hopefully a way of doing this. I think it would work best if it were much higher, but I acknowledge the goal of this is probably not to reduce the number of tourists(even though that would be sensible).

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Here is a list of projects that should be cut from the plan to reduce rate increases: - Develop neighbourhood parks in Franklin - Central Library comprehensive interior building refurbishment - City Centre Programme - West Wave Aquatic Centre Renew - Te Hono / Avondale Community Centre replacement - Te Whau Pathway - Mahurangi community building - Te Kori Scott Park, Hobsonville - Rosedale Bus Station - Decarbonisation of ferries All these projects are either pointless or not important enough to justify rates increases of this size.

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**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Some of the initiatives are good (some are not) but most of them are not important enough to justify their cost. Residential roads in Takapuna were recently resealed with coarse chip seal (essentially gravel). On multiple occasions, stones from the seal have caused damage to people's cars. Soon after my road was resealed, a piece of gravel was lodged in my wheel, and I had to remove the entire wheel to dig it out. If the council can't even afford to seal roads properly, why are they engaging in so many new initiatives?

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Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Only initiatives 5 & 6 are on par with roads in terms of importance. As long as the roads are being sealed with techniques that you would expect to see in third-world countries, these other things should not be happening.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Fairer local funding isn't explained well. It should be based on capital and need. I would like to see this better described. I would also like to understand the longer term intent on debt management.

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Support

**Tell us why**

User pays approach works for me

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The rates based refuse charging encourages waste production. Only recycling and food waste should be paid by rates.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Spend less on arts and events and more on community facilities

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Focus on core services across all areas

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Support most

### Tell us why

The Mayor's overall statement on the Plan sounds pretty reasonable to me.

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**Tell us why**

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Support

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The consultation document is fairly general in its wording - but it sounds reasonable.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

All sounds pretty good to me.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

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### **Tell us here**

Your last question re the three most important planning strategy areas for me - I could have checked many more / most of those points!



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

seems reasonsble

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

We need the funds to develop/support our tourism industry.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No comment

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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#### Tell us why

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Maintaining and supporting existing facilities important.(3)

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Support

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Support

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Please take action on the current state of Queen Street and the CBD regarding members of the public who require mental health assistance and drug abuse rehabilitation. It is disheartening for not only those who live in the city but also the many visitors who travel here. Not only are there many people who need assistance to get off the streets, there is a substantial lack of deterrence from street and petty crime in our busiest city center. I work with internationals, and many of them equate the word Māori with homelessness, drug abuse and violence, and it needs to be addressed. It also affects the local businesses, who are afraid and stressed about their own personal and staff's safety, and many potential businesses are put off opening in our CBD.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Decrease train dwell times!



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Support most

### Tell us why

You are the experts

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Support

**Tell us why**

They don't come here for the shopping or architecture!

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Support most

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Great value for money and i trust the Board

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Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

It's our environment. We have to guard it and enhance it.

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As climate crisis gathers pace and roads are clogged with single use vehicles, cycle lanes and pedestrianisation have to be priorities.



#5484



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

The proposed 5.8% rates increase could disproportionately burden low-income residents, raising equity concerns. The \$4 billion debt for capital projects necessitates careful scrutiny to ensure long-term financial stability and prevent future burdens. Without transparency and targeted support, these measures risk exacerbating existing inequalities.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

relying on a visitor levy for essential cultural events raises concerns about shifting financial burdens away from general ratepayers and potentially limiting accessibility for local communities. While attracting visitors is valuable, it shouldn't come at the expense of equitable funding models that prioritize community well-being and cultural access for all residents.

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Support

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Prioritizing environmental restoration, community support for flood-impacted areas, and equitable access to cultural and recreational spaces is crucial. However, the potential for decreased investment in lower priority areas demands careful consideration, ensuring that marginalized communities and essential services are not disproportionately affected. Community-driven planning and transparent resource allocation are vital to maintain social equity and resilience in the face of climate change and economic pressures.

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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#5516



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Support

**Tell us why**

It also could mean the possibility of offering choice more towards hotel usage rather than short-stay accommodation, which really just screws over those looking for houses.

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Support

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

In my opinion, rates are currently too low. It will be cheaper to invest in infrastructure now than to kick the can down the road. Cuts backs reduce quality of life for Aucklanders, a prime example being removing bins, which has led to an increase in litter, and even for tidy kiwis there's a nuisance of carrying rubbish around. I think we need far more ambitious investments in public

transport. Auckland made a commitment to cut transport-related greenhouse gas emissions by 64% before 2030. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/129609183/climate-change-auckland-councillors-vote-to-cut-transport-emissions-by-64> We are currently a long, long way from fulfilling that goal. Our failure to cut emissions contributes to the risk of another extreme weather disaster, and to the pace of water level rise. We will regret not taking action sooner when the rising water starts affecting our coastal infrastructure, and eventually covering the beaches we all love. Public transport isn't just good for reducing greenhouse gases, it is also the most effective tool to reduce congestion - saving Aucklanders time. Once it reaches the point where it reduces car dependency, it will save Aucklanders money as well. While the CRL will be a fantastic boost to the city's public transport system, we can do much more. For example:

- \* I would like to see an expansion of bus lanes - 24/7 along the full length of Mt Eden Rd, Ponsonby Rd, Remuera Rd, Onewa Rd, Dominion Rd, Sandringham Rd, New North Rd and Great South Rd.
- \* I would like to see more frequent and more reliable buses. If there is a bus every 10 minutes, the expected wait time when you go to a bus stop without planning is 5 minutes. That dramatically reduces the hesitation for people to rely on public transport.
- \* I would like to see Auckland Light Rail revived, as a modest budget surface light rail. This would enable densification through Mt Roskill, and relieve the pressure on buses. (Each light rail vehicle has 3x the capacity of a double decker bus, and 6x faster boarding since it uses 6 doors instead of 1.) In future, the light rail line could be expanded to replace the Western Express and Northern Express busways as they reach capacity. I thought the plans to extend the first light rail line through St Mary's Bay and under the harbour to Takapuna looked excellent.
- \* Using transport officers to enforce payment on buses, instead of relying on drivers. I applaud the work to install safety screens for bus drivers, but it's only one part of the equation. In other cities around the world, enforcing payment is done by teams of transport officers, like we already do for trains here. Besides improving safety, this would allow boarding a bus through both doors, saving time at stops. On busy routes at rush hour, more time is spent at bus stops than driving, so this could drastically reduce commute times. I agree with the proposals for water - as I understood it, the proposal was for no change to the current system, which appears to be working well. I support the fairer funding proposal. Even though I assume it will disadvantage the area that I live in, it does appear fairer and better for the city overall. The plan doesn't make any reference to what I believe is the most important policy - housing. Strong data from many sources demonstrates that Auckland's low density sprawl is inefficient and costly - from lost time commuting, to more pipes needed to carry water to and from each house. Savings are possible in terms of construction (sharing the cost of land, foundation, roofing, consents etc), energy for heating and cooling, and reduced car dependency in a 15 minute city (a household cutting back from 2 cars to 1 will save \$5-10k per year). I am aware that the Mayor said that he would not consult on the plan to bring CCOs under the council umbrella. I think failing to consult on such a large decision is a mistake. Since there is no other opportunity to provide input, I will add it here: I am sceptical that bringing CCOs in house will make any difference at all. The council already controls these organisations (it's in the name), so really it's just changing job titles, or shuffling chairs. These organisations have always been able to communicate and co-ordinate with each other, there was nothing stopping that before, and it won't be any easier just because they will officially be part of council. The only concrete thing I can think of that will change, is that Auckland Council will have to cover AT salaries, when previously those were partially funded by Waka Kotahi. I am interested in the claim that under the proposed structure, transport policy will simultaneously be more cohesive, better aligned, and allow greater local decision-making and increased delegation to local boards. In my observation, the more that decisions focus on the local neighbourhood, the less cohesive and aligned they are with the rest of the city. The example that's always...

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I would prefer an increase in commercial rates, which apply to short stay commercial accommodation providers. Or perhaps expanding the conditions for which properties the commercial rate applies to, or stricter enforcement of those rules. However, this is also a good solution. In terms of what the rates are spent on, I would like to see a larger number of smaller cultural events supported, rather than e.g. a small number of large events like the America's Cup. I thoroughly enjoy things like Pasifika, Somethin' Else Jazz festival (and the rest of Summer in the Square), Music in Parks, International Film Festival, Pride celebrations, regular events at the art gallery, Matariki celebrations, Diwali, Writer's festival, etc etc.

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In principle I am in favour of user-pays systems for rubbish. I think it provides a good incentive for waste minimisation, recycling, etc. However, I accept that there are unwanted effects, such as fly-

tipping, and I believe the data has shown that rates-funded rubbish collection is actually so much more efficient that it ends up being cheaper.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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### Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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#### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I agree with the initiatives, I just want to see more of them! More cultural activities, more resilience, faster progress on the water quality improvements so that our wonderful beaches aren't polluted.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

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Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

These are all important initiatives. I mostly want more of all of them! I personally get most enjoyment out of the parks, libraries and beaches, which is why I gave it the highest priority. I assume that flooding has extra attention due to recency bias. While it is important to learn lessons while it's fresh in our minds, and to support those who were most directly impacted, I think the city has done both those things fairly well. It might be time now to think about other potential problems.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Need more funds for bike infrastructure as a cheaper option that gets people moving especially on the north shore, also local board funding does not seem to be getting fairer but instead is smaller - Local boards need to have cost increases in line with inflation so they can keep local initiatives and communities working for everyones wellbeing. More emphasis on sustainability and meeting

climate goals is required. Need more trees faster to reduce heat with climate change, absorb water in high rainfall events and to increase native biodiversity.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### Tell us why

Visitors coming from overseas and rural areas use our resources and infrastructure - it's a good way for them to contribute without too much pain.

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the natural environment is important for everyone's wellbeing and builds visitors, community groups as initiatives for local nurseries and food cooperatives are supported. Partnership with mana whenua results in money staying in New Zealand rather than profits going offshore and has a big impact on wellbeing and protection of the environment so I believe this should be given more



priority and funding by local boards and council. A central city congestion charge for cars should also be a priority to reduce traffic and congestion.

## **Question 4:**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Devonport was impacted by the flooding in that many cliffs fell into the sea - we need more planting in cliff areas to improve resilience - cliffs have been left off planning for high rainfall events. I support more planting and environmental initiatives in this local board area.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Very important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I will not support any Transport changes unless they include the dis-establishment of Auckland Transport and their self-imposed agendas and return control of Transport to Auckland Council.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

We want to attract visitors, not turn them away with an absurd bed tax (and call it a 'levy') .... you'll have plenty of available cash when Auckland Transport stops building judder bars and pedestrian crossings every 100 meters, and renting 5 million road cones ...

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Support

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### Tell us why

Transportation has already improved, and continued investment is supported. However, the sharp increase in property taxes places a heavy burden on homeowners and makes it harder for first-time buyers to enter the market.

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**Tell us why**

Using accommodation taxes to cover funding gaps will seriously lead to a loss of tourists.

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Auckland's urban transportation infrastructure has made significant progress, but further investment is necessary. The government should continue to enhance transportation to improve the city's overall quality of life. However, the financial burden on taxpayers must be carefully considered. Excessive increases in council rates could place undue strain on households,

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### Tell us why

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Support most

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Do not support

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The progress in Auckland's transportation infrastructure is commendable, yet further investment is still required. Enhanced transportation systems should remain a government priority to improve urban living conditions. However, the financial impact on residents deserves careful consideration. Significant council rate increases may create hardship for many households, particularly those with

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

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### Tell us why

The \$7 million funding deficit for Auckland's major events contrasts sharply with the city's planned \$27 million accommodation tax. Tour groups may respond by staying in nearby towns, thereby making the tax counterproductive in the long run.

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### Tell us why

Auckland's urban transportation infrastructure has made significant progress, but further investment is necessary. The government should continue to enhance transportation to improve the city's overall quality of life. However, the financial burden on taxpayers must be carefully considered. Excessive increases in council rates could place undue strain on households,

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### Tell us why

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Despite significant advancements in Auckland's transportation infrastructure, further development is needed. The government should invest in continued transit improvements to elevate residents' quality of life. Nevertheless, taxpayer costs must be balanced carefully. Raising council rates substantially could overwhelm households, especially financially vulnerable ones. Landlords facing

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Auckland's urban transportation infrastructure has made significant progress, but further investment is necessary. The government should continue to enhance transportation to improve the city's overall quality of life. However, the financial burden on taxpayers must be carefully considered. Excessive increases in council rates could place undue strain on households,

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

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### Tell us why

Auckland faces a \$7 million funding shortfall for major events, yet plans to implement a \$27 million accommodation levy. This excessive tax might cause tour operators to bypass Auckland for neighboring communities, ultimately undermining the tax's intended purpose.

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Support most

### Tell us why

The progress in Auckland's transportation infrastructure is commendable, yet further investment is still required. Enhanced transportation systems should remain a government priority to improve urban living conditions. However, the financial impact on residents deserves careful consideration. Significant council rate increases may create hardship for many households, particularly those with

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Do not support

### Tell us why

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With a \$7 million funding gap for major events, Auckland's proposed \$27 million accommodation tax seems disproportionate. Tour groups may opt to stay in surrounding municipalities instead, potentially defeating the very purpose of the tax.

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### Tell us why

Despite significant advancements in Auckland's transportation infrastructure, further development is needed. The government should invest in continued transit improvements to elevate residents' quality of life. Nevertheless, taxpayer costs must be balanced carefully. Raising council rates substantially could overwhelm households, especially financially vulnerable ones. Landlords facing

higher property rates might shift these costs to tenants, escalating living expenses. This could potentially hamper housing market growth and prove detrimental in the long run.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The funding gap for major events in Auckland is \$7 million, yet the city plans to impose an accommodation tax of \$27 million. This could lead tour groups to avoid Auckland in favor of surrounding towns in the future, making the accommodation tax counterproductive.

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Support

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Auckland's urban transportation infrastructure has made significant progress, but further investment is necessary. The government should continue to enhance transportation to improve the city's overall quality of life. However, the financial burden on taxpayers must be carefully considered. Excessive increases in council rates could place undue strain on households,

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

### Tell us why

The funding gap for major events in Auckland is \$7 million, yet the city plans to impose an accommodation tax of \$27 million. This could lead tour groups to avoid Auckland in favor of surrounding towns in the future, making the accommodation tax counterproductive.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

### 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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**Question 4:****Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna

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### Tell us why

Transportation: Support improvements to alleviate traffic congestion. Water Services: Excessive property tax increases will place a heavy burden on homeowners. Funding: Rising costs will directly impact the cost of living.

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**Tell us why**

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Auckland's municipal transportation has developed well and needs further planning and reinforcement. However, the rapid increase in property taxes in recent years has significantly impacted the real estate market, and adjustments are needed.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The increase in property taxes has been too steep. After the pandemic, the cost of living has risen significantly, placing a heavy burden on homeowners. High property taxes are not conducive to the development of the real estate market and will also destabilize the rental market.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland is New Zealand's largest commercial city and a must-visit destination for international tourists. Imposing an accommodation tax on visitors could negatively impact tourism revenue and hinder the city's development.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Supporting continued investment in improving transportation can drive economic growth and enhance the living environment. However, soaring property taxes will significantly increase the cost of living.

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Auckland's urban transportation infrastructure has made significant progress, but further investment is necessary. The government should continue to enhance transportation to improve the city's overall quality of life. However, the financial burden on taxpayers must be carefully considered. Excessive increases in council rates could place undue strain on households,

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The progress in Auckland's transportation infrastructure is commendable, yet further investment is still required. Enhanced transportation systems should remain a government priority to improve urban living conditions. However, the financial impact on residents deserves careful consideration. Significant council rate increases may create hardship for many households, particularly those with

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Auckland's urban development has achieved positive results, and investment should be increased to create a better business environment.

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Support

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I hope Auckland's urban development continues to receive increased investment to make living more convenient for residents and more attractive to investors, thereby better driving the city's economic growth. Given the current economic downturn, the government should introduce

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Auckland's urban transportation infrastructure has made significant progress, but further investment is necessary. The government should continue to enhance transportation to improve the city's overall quality of life. However, the financial burden on taxpayers must be carefully considered. Excessive increases in council rates could place undue strain on households,

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### Tell us why

The progress in Auckland's transportation infrastructure is commendable, yet further investment is still required. Enhanced transportation systems should remain a government priority to improve urban living conditions. However, the financial impact on residents deserves careful consideration. Significant council rate increases may create hardship for many households, particularly those with

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Auckland's urban development has achieved positive results, and investment should be increased to create a better business environment.

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Accommodation taxes should not be imposed blindly, as this could lead to more harm than good. It might result in a loss of tourists, negatively affecting the economy and the tourism industry.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The sharp increase in property taxes, combined with the current economic downturn, has added to homeowners' financial burdens. This will likely lead them to pass on the costs to tenants, further raising the cost of living.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

\$7 million funding gap for large events but the imposition of \$27 million in accommodation taxes will lead to a significant loss of tourists in Auckland.

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Support all

Tell us why

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**Tell us why**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

As a north shore resident who is self employed nothing is ever considered for people like myself it is getting harder and harder to to get to jobs and park at jobs also as I am a contractor I have not and probably never will used a local train and bus lane for work and yet I am paying exorbitant rates for such things and as I said before it is more expensive for me to work anywhere in this city I

also was unloading gear twice now in a loading zone and got ticketed as a rate payer I find this ridiculous

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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Support

**Tell us why**

User pays

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*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Set price now on rubbish is unfair as some people have very little rubbish and others have lots

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Unfair and very one sided helping those who can walk bud or bike

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#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

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Flood related catchment things like taking over extremely well used public park areas like takapuna golf course for flood relief is ridiculous as a flood disaster is rear and it is already a natural catchment area

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Community development and support activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Some arts organisations received major funding from other sources.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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It should be user pays, hence keep the rubbish bags.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

arts organisations already receive much funding from the Devonport council.

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##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Less important

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Less important

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Stop excessive spending in the nice to have categories



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I feel we continue to spend on projects which are not the core council focus

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

to only raise \$25million this would possibly be a lot of costs for a small return

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Support

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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Less important

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Focus should be on key infrastructure not on community group feeling good

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Support

**Tell us why**

Other overseas cities do likewise. A good way to fund projects.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Important to maintain local funding.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Very important to support local community arts and culture.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

To much been spent on non essentials. Time to tighten the belts of council spending as everyone else is doing to get by. Concentrate on doing the core basics of infrastructure and once that is done then look at the nice to haves

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Not everyone staying in Auckland is coming to see such events. Get sponsors and event holders to pay their way especially when using Ratepayer land and facilities.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The pay as you need bin tags minimalised rubbish and encouraged recycling. The new system disadvantaged those doing their part for waste minimisation and smaller households. The amount of dumping around the city proves that rubbish disposal costs are too high and the council then cleaning this up is even more expensive. There are not enough recycling programs for the likes of mattresses and office chairs - clearly! The food scrap programme is a waste of time when bins are full of green waste (hedge trimmings etc) Adding these additional costs for services people don't need is not helping those doing it tough financially.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Lake Road is still not being addressed - 30 years and counting - meanwhile Council continues to approve excessive in fill housing adding to the congestion of this major roadway. Buses cannot get through when road works are done during business hours and not simple options have been considered to aid flow. There is no cycleway connection running from Esmonde or Onewa to Constellation beside the Busway and cyclists are forced onto busy roads like Wairau that have no space for them. The Greenpath between Devonport and Takapuna is a joke - only one section is worthy of use and even that is compromised a lot of the time with trees growing over the path that locals are trimming back to keep the path clear. It needs lighting to ensure safety of those using it - especially in the winter months. The new signs on new trees are a waste of time and money - they tell us nothing about the tree - just how to water it - on corflute that is not eco friendly and the staples do not hold the panel in place meaning they end up in the environment. Absolute waste of money!

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Less important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

None of these are necessities! Stick to the core stuff we need first and foremost.

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**Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Stop wasting our hard earned money with vanity projects and non essentials. People can not afford constant rate rises especially when there is so much wastage. There should not be any rate rises till you can show you care about the rate payers and how hard they work to make the money you waste on a daily basis!



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Support most

### Tell us why

More focus on public transport and schools/youth based communities

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

The phrasing of the proposals seems appealing at first but the proposed areas with decreased funding are absolutely appalling. Youth and community services such as libraries, pools, and community events are integral to a community that is viewed as a family friendly area. There are an incredible amount of schools in the area with youth and a priority of the area should be focused on developing their engagement in local politics, their community, and nurturing their (and their wider family's connection) to the area.

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#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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This was a terrible document to read - the wording was vague and unspecific throughout. Many initiatives were about continuing progression without a quantitative scale of how things had already progressed. How are we meant to comment on a policy when we do not know if the council is capable of following through on it versus equally, how are we meant to comment on a policy if the council is nearing completion on it. Similarly, this proposal does not touch up on the other factors that are being missed, deprioritised. There is no fair presentation of the wider picture and whole scale.



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Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Very important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Build more sports facilities, rather than bike lanes The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre are examples of just two facilities that are desperately needed

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Enabling Team NZ to host the next Americas Cup in NZ would bring in more money to the local economy than a bed tax

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*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

This punishes residents who put out less rubbish than others

## Question 4:

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#### Tell us why

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Support

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Pretty common in most European major cities.

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki

## Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Fairly important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Fairly important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Fairly important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Fairly important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Less important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Lighting improvements of field 1 at McFetridge Park Development of an artificial turf at McFetridge Park 2&3 .

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Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Will stop people coming if they have to pay more

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Support

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Specifically want to call out the URGENT need for more indoor sports facilities. Specifically my backing for the The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre projects. There is not enough place for schools and rep teams to play indoors and teams are unable to enter comps as they have nowhere to play/train. Sport is growing at a rapid rate, specifically basketball and we should be encouraging youth sport. Please consider these as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

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### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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#### Tell us why

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Community events,Sports and park activation activities,Youth activities

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See earlier comment in relation to indoor sporting facilities for the area.



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Support most

### Tell us why

Support the activity proposed but do not support a bed night levy.

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Do not support

#### **Tell us why**

Tourism is struggling and NZ is a high cost destination. Another levy (which might be a different levy in another council area) is confusing and unhelpful. Suggest you target use of the International visitor levy funding instead, via MBIE.

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Less important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

cant afford any more increases

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Support

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good idea

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Support

**Tell us why**

for international travellers especially

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Do not support

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no incentive to reduce rubbish with cost in rates. Only put out bin every 3-4 weeks yet will no doubt pay more.

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really support development of increased sporting facilities especially for basketball as not enough courts



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Do not support

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With a compost and very eco conscious household we have very little rubbish to put out so feel it is unfair to pay more for what we don't use.

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#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Very important to take care of our environment and support and respect the Treaty of Waitangi.

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I support The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre.

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Devonport-Takapuna

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Fairly important

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Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities, Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**

Could you just give kids that are over five some proper basketball courts so they can get off the Internet and get out with their friends in a safe environment?



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### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### **Question 4:**

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None

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**Tell us here**

We desperately need more basketball courts. The demand is huge and increasing every year. Children and youths don't get anywhere near enough court time compared to other sports like rugby, soccer and netball that have adequate facilities.





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

You talk about fairer funding fairer local boards. Looks more like areas with high rates are having that money given to other areas.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

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All rubbish should be on a user pays to encourage people to reuse, recycle etc. Have a barcode system on bins and at the end of quarter or year there is a credit or charge on next year rates for those that have put out bins left often or more often.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Work with the golf course to have catchments eg water hazard for golf is catchment area, dont take part of golf course.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

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**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

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Less important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Need more indoor basketball courts on the Shore. Fastest growing sport and needs more facilities.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I wish to ensure the security of our local arts programmes, which are sorely need of community support and investment.

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Support

**Tell us why**

This would be to ensure more people could stay short term to support more events.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

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Very important

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Libraries and other public facilities such as small art galleries and community halls etc., are most needed to be maintained to support specialised staff and to be there for much needed groups to gather and/or attend classes, talks etc in the ir communities.

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Grants

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### **Tell us here**

Right now, I am wishing to support those who rely on some funding to continue their vital roles in the community, especially libraries, and other establishments, where anyone is welcome to share spaces, which are non-discriminating of age, or wealth.





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Support most

### Tell us why

For transport - increase speed limits, decrease the amount of speed bumps and cycle lanes/paths to widen roads. Put more parking in. Lower public transport fares to encourage more PT usage.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

It will not encourage people to come here.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Rubbish - should be in pre paid rubbish bags not everybody uses the same amount of rubbish so shouldn't all be paying the same rubbish rate. Bring back inorganic collections where you do not have to book for it.

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**Tell us why**

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Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities

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**Tell us why**

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Less important

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Support development of more basketball facilities - specifically The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre.





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Support all

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It is already too expensive to access accommodation in NZ and this will just drive up the prices even more

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Support

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#### Tell us why

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Less important

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I don't know

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

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Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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#### **Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Waiheke, Waitematā

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Sports and park activation activities, Youth activities

## Waiheke Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

Very important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Very important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

Very important

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

Very important

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

Very important

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

Very important

**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**



**Community Pool Development**

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

**Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

Very important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Very important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Very important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Very important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Very important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Very important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Very important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Sports and park activation activities,Youth activities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Like idea of CCO reform especially better control and decision making at Auckland Transport to make it more focused on meeting actual needs (2nd Harbour crossing & fixing Lake Road) and stop wasteful spending (raised pedestrian crossings and excessive cones). We also need more sports facilities for our community.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Will reduce demand / visitation and make Auckland less attractive as a destination.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Needs to be more focused on critical issues instead of nice to have things. We need to keep protecting and enhancing the environment but we also need to improve infrastructure (fix Lake Road) as well. We also desperately need more Basketball courts in our area so would support proposals for more courts such as - The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Most of these things are nice to have fluffy things that won't deliver any real utility or tangible long term benefits for local residents. Would like to see funds invested in things people will use and enjoy such as sports facilities.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

We need more basketball courts so we don't have to travel all over Auckland to play and train... For the North Shore we support projects to add more indoor basketball courts such as - The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The entire focus is on Cars, tourists and supporting infra. that mostly benefits the rich. What happened to equity? What we need is massive improvements in public transportation infra. Biking, buses, ferries, etc. Not more money spent on roadways & increasing speed limits.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

tourists benefit the most from these major events & are marketing targets so they should pay

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Govt should just take over all refuse collection. It's so confusing with 100 different contractors and the changes that happen every year. Just keep it simple and take it over.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

They are all so vague and generic. What is the actual plan? Hard to say whether I support it or not because it's not written clearly as to what the money will be used for.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

Please fun Basketball here: The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

#### **Tell us why**

We need to develop better and maintain existing infrastructure that is used by the visitors for the events (public toilets, public transport, roads, public areas). A portion of this cost should be borne by the visitors. Aucklanders also benefit from these features so should also be funding some of the cost.

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

#### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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When it comes to waste, I support user pays. If a waste levy is included in our rates, there is no incentive to reduce waste. My area used to have rubbish stickers on our general waste bins, I used to put out by general waste bin approx every 2 months when the bin was full, which reduced expense for the council. Now it is included in our rates. I put it out every week or 2.

### **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

The ideas are very general, I agree with the concepts. But it is hard to tell whether I would agree with specifically how the ideas would be implemented.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Less important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities, Local waste minimisation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Less cycleways - Auckland is not cycle friendly which is why they are not used enough for the expense of them. Also far fewer raised pedestrian crossings



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

I have t read the whole thing

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

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### **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**



The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Very important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Very important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality improvement activities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Adding more basketball courts for youth teams please. Albany tennis park and Hobsonville



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Organisation (if applicable): Takapuna Residents Association

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

The plan is fairly detailed and appears to cover the major areas of concern for residents living in Tamaki Makaurau. It would be beneficial for rate payers to receive regular updates on expenditure targets and more info on the progress of investment returns being received for funds being invested in the 'Auckland Future Fund

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

### Tell us why

The surcharges appear to be very reasonable and achievable providing Central Government are open to implementing the required legislation changes. The ability to wipe the current 7 million shortfall and raise additional funds for further investment in the cities cultural activities would be of huge value to all concerned.

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Support

### 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Residents are concerned that the three yearly review of residential and business properties has yet to be completed to allow for a finalisation of their rates rises. There is also concern that the water rates will be raised significantly in June/July 2025

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Takapuna is a designated 'Metro City with huge growth envisaged for the coming decade .There is real concern within the community at the selling off of our community assets including our war memorial hall which is well utilized for a wide range of local activities not to mention that it is also the designated emergency Civil Defence hub. The proposal to turn our library into a community hub with all the services that are currently housed in other community buildings having to be squeezed into the existing library facilities seems to us to be a short sighted move Our growing Metro City will require more community facilities not less

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I have referenced our concerns re the selling off of community assets and proposal to turn our library into a community hub in the prior question . The preservation of our environment is a top priority along with development of the Devonport Takapuna Ethnic Communities plan It would be good to know where the public could access this document

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Support most

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Support

**Tell us why**

Equitable way to ensure all benefiting parties contribute to the continuation of a vibrant events sector

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

They are focusing on the most important issues and doing a good job of community engagement

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Fairly important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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We appear to have a committed and hardworking Auckland Council body. We are fortunate



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Support all

### Tell us why

all three are key

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Very important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

2. we MUST look after what we already have

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

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Keep up the great work!



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Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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I like the user pays principle; why charge property owners affecting landlords who will need to raise rent to recover costs? Also, it will influence the food scraps collection possibly making it uneconomic. I didn't hear the justification for making the change which might have been better broadcast. Conceivably, the cost of providing tags ate up much of the income? As things stand I'm unimpressed with the change.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Keen to emphasise the importance of promoting sporting activities provided by community groups (not a priority) Secondly,, anything that connects with youth is good as young people need

activities to remain within the local area. Devonport in particular has a demographic that is ageing thanks to the lack of activities and high property prices (not a priority). Finally, connect up cycleways with main thoroughfares. e.g. Francis Street/ Esmonde Rd. and ensure that cycle lanes do not evaporate at key junctions, e.g. Lake Rd/ Williamson, Taharoto/ Anzac Avenue (not a priority).

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Make the TMA accountable to local communities and don't take out long-standing exotic trees! I followed the above TMA link to find out their plans but on p33 it just refers to section 5 of the supporting information. I haven't time to locate this document and feel that this referencing is lacking in transparency.



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Tell us why

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Support

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I don't know

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local waste minimisation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I do not support Council's proposed bed-night visitor levy

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

We have owned a small cottage on Waiheke Island for about 42 years. It has been rented out to short stay visitors over the years at a reasonable rental to visitors from overseas and New Zealanders through a local island booking agency. We have a number of concerns about Council's proposed bed tax levy: 1. The proposed tax will be used to fill Council's funding gap for major events and promotions rather than directly benefitting accommodation providers or the tourism industry. Any benefit received through event tourism will not be felt by those on Waiheke, but rather providers in Central Auckland. 2. We operate on a small scale and rely on seasonal income with small profit margins. We already pay exorbitant general rates and more recently GST on our rental income. We don't want any additional taxes. 3. We believe that this tax is likely to have a negative impact on Waiheke restaurant, vineyard and tour operators. Short term visitors are critical to the local economy. Affordable holiday accommodation should be available to encourage visitors, not deter them. 4. We urge Council to explore a fairer and more balanced solution. In particular Waiheke should be exempt from this tax.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**



*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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No



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

For most people too complicated to actually understand how much money is going where and where the funding is coming from.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland is too expensive as it is. Events should be available to everyone, accommodation costs should be kept cheaper.

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney, Upper Harbour



## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Very important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Not enough sports facilities

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Such a great location and it is not utilised

. I don't know

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Fairly important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Fairly important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

North Harbour Stadium serves a huge area and needs to be at a level that can be supported. Eg basketball is needing more courts and is shared with gymnastics serves more people in the community than say the singular golf course

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services ,Local parks strategy and planning,Sports and park activation activities

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Future proofing and takes care of multiple facilities

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

#### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

##### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

#### **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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##### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Currently in hospital and have not looked in depth. Generally think DTLB doing good job. This form opened at 4 - no 1-3

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Don't consider stadiums a priority. Infrastructure should be put in before development. As 'green' as possible - eg open streams Northcote. Waste - recycling should have financial advantage over rubbish or people won't bother. Believe the food east bucket system very good. Transport Lake Rd Devonport peninsula - Bardia/Winscomb from Takapuna to Devonport - change so right hand lane goes straight and left hand lane goes straight and left. Onewa Rd - change from T3 to T2. Very much easier to coordinate 4 travel journeys than 6 a day. Have observed many times 1 vehicle in left lane and totally full right lane. Make it easier for people and it will be more successful. Support local boards and their resources so they can be more effective. Lake Rd Devonport again - develop route Fraser Rd etc to Esmond Rd. Aria should contribute.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation. The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue. 'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned. This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants**

Fairly important

##### **Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme**

Less important

##### **Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets**

Less important

##### **Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models**

Fairly important

##### **Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives**

Less important

##### **Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)**

Fairly important

**Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour**

Very important

**Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Western Springs Speedway should remain as an open wheel speedway. It has been a speedway since 1929. The speedway activities are enjoyed and well patronised by the wider and local community, offering family-based entertainment within our community. A March 2025 Westmere Community Facebook Page poll showed overwhelming majority of 63% wish to 'keep the current facilities for Ponsonby club, concerts & Speedway', with all other option receiving less than 17%. Drawing in over 100,000 spectators in a speedway season benefits the local community. Many local businesses are involved in speedway through advertising, employing participants and fans with some business owners also speedway car owners. Speedway at Western Springs is a multi-generational past time enjoyed by a wide variety of Aucklanders and attending races is traditional for many families. Flood resilience is important for this community. Keeping Western Springs as a Speedway is ideal as its situated on the flood plane where expensive infrastructure and buildings are vulnerable to flood damage. This community, Ward and Local Board should support the continuation of Speedway at Western Springs under reasonable operating conditions.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

Very important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Fairly important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Less important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Less important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Fairly important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Less important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Fairly important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Youth activities

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**Tell us here**

I have serious concerns over the decision to consolidate Speedway from Western Springs to Waikaraka Park and am equally as concerned over open wheel speedways usage rights at Western Springs Stadium and Speedway. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. Tataki Auckland Unlimited and the Auckland Council should negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the car owners and drivers of the sport through the Western Springs Speedway Assn. to remain operational at the venue. Speedway should not be forced out of Western Springs and into Waikaraka as it will not fit. Speedway and Stock & Saloon car racing are not ideally compatible to share a venue, though forced to in smaller towns. There are health & safety concerns.





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Support all

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

No free lunch

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Minimize waste

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Key issues are lake road and public transport

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The Treaty is over.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community development and support activities,Community events,Local waste minimisation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

We want to keep Western Springs Speedway

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Load of \*\*\*\*\*

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

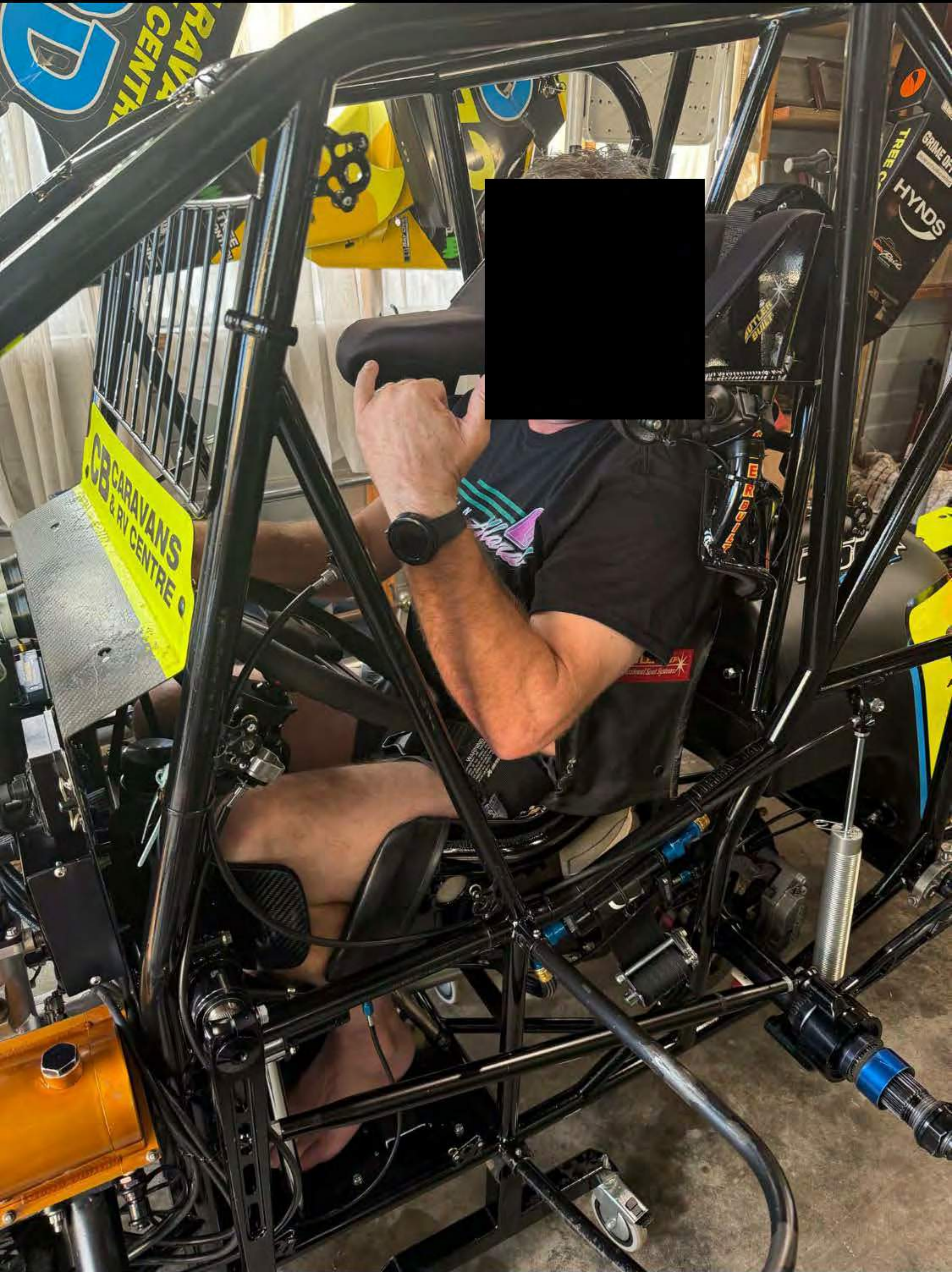
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Do not get rid of Western Springs Speedway









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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Don't need a targeted rate. Eke Panuku should be demolished.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Don't need it. Will make it more expensive than ever.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Do not support a targeted rate in any shape or form.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Support that finding has been returned.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Flood control required. Takapuna is multicultural. The city is lacking infrastructure for the development going on.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Times are tough for the majority. DTLB residents are not all richlisters. Councillors and Government need to take note of this. Also the lack of infrastructure as stated before ... in schools health and particularly police.



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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Continuing public transport development from present over-dependence on car and motorcycle commuting remains a key component of a liveable city. Auckland's continuing suburban growth spread is inefficient in terms of placing great demands for new infrastructure spending versus upgrades. It also adds to pressure for road building to satellite suburbs versus intensification of



existing suburban land. We need more up than out. Then we may be able to make more progress in moving away from the American car-based suburban model that has dominated growth planning for the past 70 odd years.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

### **Tell us why**

Just another blunt instrument approach to funding of events. Participants of the events should be paying. Also, spend by council in such areas has a wasteful past.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Ticket system encouraged waste reduction where a set rate just means one can fill the bins to the brim every week without reflecting in more cost to the individual household. I accept the ticket

system is inefficient in accounting for tickets used and a charge per each weighed bin would be too complex and too costly.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

### **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Mitigating the flood risk in the Wairau Valley is very important. Council approvals for M10, Bunnings, Pak n' Save led to several acres of asphalt parking being installed. Where was the surface water to go? You allowed impermeable asphalt to be laid, when permeable paving and holding tanks could have been specified. Did you not learn from past floods 1950s, a big one in 1978(?). The latter showed the siting of the substation beside the creek by Westlake Girls HS was dumb. I gather the most recent flood blew approximately \$20m of equipment there. Doh. Also remember the warnings about housing development in the Nike Road area - without raising the land - were ignored. (That was under Nth Shore CC.) Also, in the late 1950s, diverting much flow away from Barry's Point for motorway and Harbour Bridge development and into Milford Creek loaded up the creek and estuary. In the past decade and a half it has been increasingly overflowing the walls of the channel. That is more to do with infill housing and improperly plumbed stormwater up East Coast Road's properties. Every time we get heavy rain the sewer line at the siphon beside 1 East Coast Road looks to flood. That's rainwater doing it, not sudden need to spend a penny because it's raining. With Inga Road Bridge to be replaced, it's an opportunity to reduce the bottleneck at the end of the estuary. Deepening the channel past the marina will also help manage volumes for awhile as well as soakage and storage further upstream.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

#### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable): Castor Bay Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Important to keep to previous LTP commitments, including proposed rates increases. Auckland Future Fund - would like to know which projects will receive funding from the Fix and Finish Fund - North Shore not mentioned? Transport - \$50 fare cap and contactless payments - great initiatives Watercare financial independence - we support this so our water networks can be future-proofed

and funded appropriately Local board funding - on the face of it we do not support the move to equity-based funding because it constrains what DTLB can do support our communities.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### **Tell us why**

There are many immediate and downstream benefits - financial and non-financial - that come from hosting major events. We want Auckland to host more major events and support the levy.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

We support the average 5.8% rates increase proposed in the LTP and in the 25/26 annual plan.

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Fairer funding model - we are very concern that DTLB has a lot of heritage assets and reduced funding severely constrains the ability to properly maintain them. Thinking in particular about Kennedy Park's unique WWII heritage. Surprised not to see the restoration of the exterior of 139 Beach Road (as committed to by DTLB) specifically called out in these documents, given it's a significant investment. Where does this project sit, and what is the timing? Similarly, the agreed restoration of the Kennedy Park stairs - where does this sit in these documents?

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

We support Making Space for Water and providing support for flood impacted residents / buy-outs  
Natural environment and water quality front of mind - yet only \$100K allocated under  
'environmental services' - this is not credible. Support Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan  
and potential water quality benefits for Castor Bay

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are  
seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in  
higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority  
areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Community events, Local water  
quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Motels % Hotels pay enormous rates. Air B & B pay residential rates

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

The North Shore pay as throw system should still exist. Were we consulted? Cant remember

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Do not support turning the Takapuna Library into a unsafe Community Hub The Local Bd has already spent \$117, 102.00 on consultants & architects i. Feedback was received from just 254 participants Each & every household needs to be urgently letter boxed dropped about this project. It will many many millions of dollars.. Completely unestimated

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Our library will be changed with very few people knowing of the plans to sell our War Memorial Hall & Senior Citizens Hall plus all the Takapuna Community Buildings which have never been maintained.. Further the Esmonde Rd Bus Lane MUST be left alone. Not one member of the Bd understands that cars can not merge into the crowded motorway

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services,Grants

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Support all

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Daylight robbery

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Do not support

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Sports and park activation activities,Local water quality activities,Youth activities

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Lighting of field 1 at McFetridge Park Development of an artificial turf at McFetridge Park 2&3 are both needed





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Good transport needs to be available for all ages from school children to an aging population, though it is difficult as we don't have a large enough population to always support it and Auckland is such a spread out city.

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Local venues, parks and community buildings, hosting groups keep a community connected and can support local businesses too.

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I don't think people realise that only 3.02 million people work in New Zealand and so we can't have everything, and that we have to focus on the most important things that will help the most going onto the future.



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**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities  
- opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

I haven't read all the information fully.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

That is not inviting for visitors to add levies.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

We are being forced to pay more for rubbish collection and scrap bin collection we do not need. Not required and no choice.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki



## Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Very important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Very important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Fairly important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Less important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Less important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Very important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

As a member of Takapuna District Cricket Club our club plays a vital role in promoting active recreation, youth development, and community engagement, we lack the necessary funding to maintain and improve our facilities to cater for our community. We need funding for: Facility Upgrades: Our club is growing, particularly with female cricketers, yet we do not have dedicated female changing rooms and males and females can't share the facilities at the same time. We can only support one cricket game with changing facilities at one time, not both Onewa 1 and Onewa 2. Indoor Training Nets: To support year-round training, we need indoor net facilities on-site, reducing reliance on costly off-site venues and leasing other facilities. We could use half of the nursery facilities available to the council to build three lane indoor facilities. Outdoor Training Nets: These need maintaining/fixing for the safety of our players. Basic Maintenance: As our clubrooms are owned by us but located on council land, we receive no direct financial support for essential upgrades like kitchen improvements, roofing repairs, painting, and flooring replacement. Reducing Financial Burdens on Families: Without council support, we are forced to divert resources to constant fundraising efforts, rather than focusing on coaching and community development. I strongly urge Auckland Council to allocate funding to sports field upgrades and direct financial assistance for club facilities in the Kaipātiki area. Investing in community sports clubs ensures long-term sustainability, increased participation, and better health outcomes for our community. .

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Organisation (if applicable): Takapuna Beach Business Association

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

We support keeping rate rises as low as possible and concentrating on efficiencies and careful spending. We request that business differential is reinstated and business rates are lowered as they pay a much higher proportion than residential rates. Request increased economic support,

investment and support for Takapuna and North Auckland. Request greater investment in infrastructure that supports growth and development around the Takapuna Metro Centre.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

### **Tell us why**

Our concern is the funding raised will go towards events based in the CBD and marketing of central Auckland. There are no major events funded in North Auckland and little marketing of North Auckland and Takapuna specifically. If you do decide you raise this extra tax, we request that the money is re-invested in the local area from which it is collected. ie: Bed Tax on Takapuna based accommodation should be spent on local Takapuna events

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

### Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

We request greater focus is made on supporting town centres and business associations. The Takapuna Business Association has received a 50% cut in funding to support our community events, which directly deliver on the LB plan. We question why the Takapuna BA has so little funding support as we represent over 700 businesses and 325 commercial properties and wonder if the LB does not value them? Supporting our economy is not even listed in your next question on which three of our services are the most important to you but there are 14 other areas you focus on? Request the LB give increased focus for: Host and fund events in town centres to support businesses and bring joy and improved wellbeing to communities. Advocate for local businesses to be selected for council contracts. Advocate and support local businesses in Auckland Council decisions and developments. Prioritise improvements to town centre amenities – toilets, seating, gardens, open spaces etc. more rubbish bins are installed in Hurstmere Road and around Waiwharariki Anzac Square to deal with the increased rubbish and litter on the ground Prioritise and advocate for the update of Northcroft and Huron Street upgrades. Prioritise and advocate for the upgrade of Takapuna Bus Station. Prioritise cleaning and maintenance in town centres. Improve parking and transport to town centres. Improve Takapuna Beach environment.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community events

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I support most of the Annual Plan because I understand that Auckland Council needs to invest in important things like transport, water, and making sure funding is fair for all communities. It's good to see the Council is trying to plan for a better future for everyone. But I'm worried about how this plan might affect places like Lake House Arts, which is such a valuable part of our community. The

new funding system sounds fair, but it could leave out well-loved community arts centres like Lake House Arts that may not get more support even though their costs are rising, and they're doing so much good work for the community. Arts and culture are a big part of what makes Auckland special. So, I hope the Council will make sure there's still good funding available for arts and community groups like Lake House Arts, and not just focus on big infrastructure projects. It's important to keep our community arts strong and accessible for everyone.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### **Tell us why**

I support the idea of a bed night visitor levy because it sounds like a fair way to help fund big events and promote Auckland without putting all the pressure on ratepayers. Lake House Arts hosts and supports many community arts activities, events, and exhibitions that attract locals and visitors alike. Funding major events through this levy would help ensure Auckland continues to be a vibrant and creative city that attracts tourists and benefits everyone, including smaller arts organizations like Lake House Arts. However, I hope the Council will make sure some of this funding also supports local arts and cultural initiatives, not just big commercial events. Local arts are essential to Auckland's identity and community well-being, and it's important to support both large events and smaller community-based arts activities.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

It's important to fund essential services and infrastructure. I'm concerned about how changes to rates, fees, and charges might affect arts and community funding. Lake House Arts is a valuable part of our community, providing arts programs and events that bring people together and support creativity and well-being. I hope the Council will make sure there's still good funding available for local arts and community groups like Lake House Arts, which contribute so much to Auckland's cultural life and community spirit. Would you like me to move on to the local board area question and then prepare all the answers in one formal document?

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I appreciate that the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is working hard to support community facilities, parks, and local arts and culture activities. It's good to see the focus on things like the Takapuna Community Hub, environmental projects, and supporting ethnic communities. However, I'm concerned that places like Lake House Arts might not receive additional funding under the new fairer funding model, even though costs are rising and the demand for community arts services is growing. Lake House Arts is an important part of our community, providing accessible arts and cultural experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds. I hope the board will make sure that local arts organizations like Lake House Arts continue to get strong support, so they can keep delivering their valuable programs and events for everyone to enjoy.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

#### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Keeping community facilities and venues like Lake House Arts well-maintained and improved is the most important priority because they are the heart of our community. These spaces bring people together to enjoy arts, culture, and community activities that make Devonport-Takapuna a special place to live and visit. Places like Lake House Arts provide fun, creative, and welcoming experiences for everyone – from art classes and exhibitions to cultural events and community gatherings. They are safe and inclusive spaces that help people feel connected and supported. If the Council continues to invest in places like Lake House Arts, it means more people will have the chance to enjoy everything our community has to offer. It's important to make sure these community spaces stay strong and accessible so they can keep making a positive difference in people's lives.

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community programmes and services



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Thank you for the chance to give feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026. I support the Council's focus on making Auckland stronger and safer, but I hope you also keep funding community arts and cultural activities. Places like Lake House Arts are so important for our community. They offer art classes, cultural events, exhibitions, and spaces where people can connect, learn, and feel welcome. These facilities are a big part of what makes Devonport-Takapuna special. I hope the Council will: Keep funding available for community arts activities like those at Lake House Arts. Recognize that local arts venues help make Auckland a vibrant, creative place that attracts visitors and supports community well-being. Make sure community arts spaces are well-supported so they can keep serving everyone who needs them. Please keep working with arts groups like Lake House Arts to make sure they can continue their valuable work.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki



## Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

There should be more money spent on Sports facilities, especially football grounds in the Kaipātiki area. This would keep youth active and out of trouble. My son plays football for Northern Rovers. Many teams are unable to train and play pre-season games in March due to Council renovation windows (meaning fields are closed), which increases the likelihood of early season injury. The volume of demand on McFetridge Park and Becroft Park is increasingly leading to mid-season sports field closures, with no alternative venues available to transfer programs. Grass is a living asset and will die if not appropriately maintained. There are large holes in the middle of fields that are very dangerous and could lead to injuries. There is potential to fund an artificial turf through a combination of funding from the Sport & Recreation Facility Investment Fund (regional council funding), local board opex (perhaps in the form of a grant), Schools/MOE, the Birkenhead Licensing Trust and other community funders and community fundraising. I would like to see: The lighting of field 1 McFetridge Park as a quick win. Development of two artificial turfs at McFetridge Park.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Less important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Fairly important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Very important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Very important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Fairly important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Less important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Football is a sport that is growing in popularity at an incredible rate. There are not enough football fields on the North Shore and particularly in the Kaipatiki area. My son has to go to Westlake Boys High School to practise. The Northern Region Football Facility Plan (2025) shows there is a shortfall in the floodlit sports field network equivalent to 28 artificial turfs to meet CURRENT (not future) football demand across Auckland. The NRF Facility Plan (2025) shows there is a shortfall in the floodlit sports field network equivalent to 2 floodlit artificial turfs to meet CURRENT (not future) football demand in the Kaipatiki Local Board area. .

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Improvements to our waterfront - these are a nice to have and not accessible to all. I think that making all these areas accessible by public transport is essential, and also recognising that the waterfront is not overly relevant if you don't live within easy reach, like most of the city's population. More investment in satellite areas would be of greater benefit to many. Environmental - reinstating

the North West Wildlink which is an essential part of the environmental wellbeing of the Auckland Isthmus and provides the necessary size of protected land needed to support our plants and birds - protect existing areas of green and provide more, both for the wellbeing of the city's inhabitants and the environment - support the many community led environmental networks, which are mostly run by volunteers and do such great work, both for the health of the environment and for those participating

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

### Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Fairer funding for local boards - need to look not just at population in board areas but also who the area serves, and what level of facilities are used by others than locals. Also need to revise the way in which areas such as park maintenance are within the Boards' budget but not under their control.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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Very important

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

I would support if its done well, YesThe keyfactors in making this work well is Transparent use of funds (e.g., reinvesting in tourism infrastructure). Reasonable rate (2–3% is common and considered tolerable). Clear communication with providers and tourists. But... If it's poorly implemented, not tied to improvements, or feels like a cash grab, then no — it can erode goodwill, affect pricing competitiveness, and create extra work for businesses.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki

**Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Kaipātiki Local Board is not currently prioritising new sports field development. The NRF Facility Plan (2025) shows Auckland needs 28 more floodlit artificial turfs just to meet current football demand — and Kaipātiki alone needs 2. Lighting for Field 1 at McFetridge Park would be an amazing solution to this problem. The club is engaged and would support this, they would also do whatever is needed to help get this off the ground. Many of our junior and First Kicks teams are stuck on a waitlist simply because we don't have enough field space — our tamariki are missing out on playing and connecting. March is particularly tough, with limited pre-season training due to council field closures. This leads to a higher risk of early-season injuries. If there is potential to fund new artificial turf with support from regional and local funding, schools, the Birkenhead Licensing Trust, and community fundraising, we would love to convert 2 fields at McFetridge Park ideally in partnership with a local school, to share costs and make the fields available to more people. This approach would protect the natural beauty of the park, while also allowing shared use by other clubs and codes. Happy to chat further.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Northern Rovers are asking for: Lighting of Field 1 at McFetridge Park. Development of two artificial turfs at McFetridge Park. .

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Support most

### Tell us why

Don't support transport in terms of Auckland Transports lack of transparency and speedy no matter what amount on buses, trains & cycle lanes. Why don't you work with businesses to change start times - that would have the most dramatic change in traffic volumes. You are focusing mainly on parks - it doesn't appear the big picture vision is used.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

These are not core activities of council. Stick to the core functions - not the nice to haves. We can't afford it. So much money has been squandered on 'nice to have's at the expense of core council activities which everyone uses. These activities are a choice & should be paid for by those who want them.

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I don't know

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Devonport-Takapuna

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Just advocating for the Milford Business Community and locals who have over the 15 years I have been in this role, not had a fair share of Auckland Rates money spent on improving their community. We always get told 'we'd love to do this items, but there is NO funding'. It's just the same as in the 1960's - if it hadn't been for a targeted rate on business owners in Milford, we probably would not have the car park in Kitchener Rd. Those business owners were given the same response to a request for a central car park for customers by I think the Takapuna Borough or City Council - 'we don't have the funds for it'. The Milford Community were conned by previous local boards, who wanted to look good by getting a Town Centre Plan in place, but not honest. We started the Wairau Estuary Boardwalk project as a Public/Private partnership with indications from the then board manager, that if we got it to a stage where Auckland Council accepted the project, the board would get it changed to a council funded project. We did everything we had to do - only to be 'kicked in the teeth' and told you will need to fund 80% of the estimated \$2 million cost locally. A major link between Milford Beach and Milford Town Centre was crushed with that news and the efforts of all the volunteers who got the project into the council program was wasted!! At the time, the cost was less than the renewal project for the walkway behind the Barry's point Rd businesses. We know which would have been better used and value for our ratepayer money!!

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Having done a Milford Centre 30 Year Plan (2015 -2045) and then successive boards have said there is no money for the projects, one has to seriously view the value of such planning. We would like to see the Wairau Estuary Boardwalk included in any plan with a definite date. Most projects that are in this plan have passed their date of being commissioned - so the Milford community, which pays considerably higher rates than many other areas in Auckland, has been left wanting!

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Local water quality activities

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**Tell us here**

Please do not overlook the Milford 30 Year Town Centre Plan (2015-2045). We are 10 years into it, but it has ground to a halt with many items got to be done in the 1st 10 years not even started.

# THE MILFORD CENTRE PLAN

2015-2045



**Devonport-Takapuna  
Local Board**



*Auckland Council*



# HE MIHI

E toko ake rā e te iti, whakatata mai rā e te rahi, kia mihi koutou  
 ki ngā kupu whakarei a te hunga kua tīpokotia e te ringa o te wāhi ngaro,  
 ēngari e kaikini tonu nei i ngā mahara i te ao, i te pō.  
 Nga ōha i mahue mai i tērā whakatupuranga  
 kia āpitihia e tatou ki nga tūmanako o tēnei reanga,  
 hei mounga waihotanga iho ki te ira whaimuri i a tātou.  
 Koina te tangi a ngākau māhaki, a te wairua hihiri me te hinengaro tau.  
 Oho mai rā tātou ki te whakatairanga i ngā mahi e ekeina ai  
 te pae tawhiti ka tō mai ai ki te pae tata.  
 Tēnei au te noho atu nei i mātārae te titiro ki runga o Ōrewa,  
 ki te one e rere atu ana ki Te Whangaparāoa  
 ki te Kūiti o te Puarangi.  
 Kei waho ko Tiritiri Mātangi, tomokanga ki te moana o te Waitematā.  
 Ki uta ko te Whanga o Oho Mairangi, ūnga mai o Te Arawa waka,  
 ka rere whakarunga ngā kamo ki Takapuna kāinga, Takapuna tupuna.  
 Kia taka ki tua ko Maungaūika  
 te tū hēteri mai rā i te pūwaha o Tāmaki Makaurau, Tāmaki herehere waka.  
 Ka ruruku atu tātou mā te waitai kia puta ake  
 ki te Awataha ki nga mihi a te Kaipātiki  
 me te Te Raki Paewhenua ki te uru,  
 i reira ka whakatau te haere.  
 E koutou mā ka ea, kua ea, kia ora huihui mai koutou katoa.

*Welcome to you all let me greet you  
 with the eloquent words of those who have long since been taken  
 by the unseen hand of the unknown,  
 but for whom we still mourn.  
 Let us enjoin the legacy they left  
 to the hopes of this generation  
 as our gift to those who will follow us.  
 That is the pledge of the humble heart, the willing spirit and the inspired mind.  
 Let us rise together and seek to do what is necessary  
 to draw distant aspirations closer to realisation.  
 Here I sit on the headland overlooking Ōrewa  
 to the stretch of sand that runs to Whangaparāoa  
 along the Hibiscus Coast.  
 Off land lies Tiritiri Mātangi gateway to the Waitematā.  
 On land is Mairangi Bay landing of Te Arawa waka,  
 gazing southward lies Takapuna community, Takapuna the progenitor.  
 Beyond stands Maungaūika  
 sentinel of Tāmaki Makaurau, anchorage of many canoes.  
 Taking to the tidal waters we emerge  
 at Awataha to the greetings of Kaipātiki  
 and West Harbour  
 and there our journey ends.  
 It is done, greetings to you all.*



# FOREWORD: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MILFORD

*Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is very pleased to present the Milford Centre Plan, a plan to take Milford into the next 30 years adapting to the future but respecting and honouring the past.*

*Early in the process, we set up a working party to develop the Milford Centre Plan. The plan development process was undertaken with the valued help of the community's own Milford Village Forum's Community Led Visioning Report as a starting point. This was followed by on-going direction from the working party, which included representatives of the Forum, Milford Residents Association, Castor Bay Residents' and Ratepayers' Association and Milford Business Association. The local board was impressed with the passion of these groups for the future of Milford.*

*The intention of the plan process is to maximise community and stakeholder input and feedback. It has involved a multidisciplinary team to guide the development of ideas and assess their feasibility. The plan's development has been guided by direction from a number of strategic planning and community documents.*

*Local iwi also contributed to the plan and supported this process through reviewing the plan, attending hui and developing an ongoing partnership with the local board. Their contribution is valued and will be sought in future projects.*

*The plan has been developed drawing on this wealth of local knowledge, public and stakeholder consultation and research. This led to the plan being able to address the local values, issues, challenges, aspirations and opportunities for Milford centre. The public engagement period resulted in useful feedback which has been carefully considered. This helped to refine the plan, which was adopted by the local board on 21 April 2015.*

*I thank all who have contributed to this plan and look forward to seeing it benefit the Milford community through its vision of a high quality and accessible centre expressing a strong local identity, with its own story and a friendly, relaxed community heart.*

*Mike Cohen, QSM, JP  
Chair, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board*



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# 1 UNDERSTANDING THE PLAN

## Purpose of the plan

The purpose of the Milford Centre Plan is to improve on Milford's many excellent qualities as the town centre enters the next 30 years. The plan's focus is on public realm projects (our streets and open spaces) that respect the centre's strong local identity and support the growth of a sustainable community.

The plan has been developed at the same time as the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (PAUP), which is Auckland's new planning rule book for managing the effects of development. Though the PAUP rules are subject to change through the hearings process, the centre plan assumes there is likely to be more change in the town centre than the surrounding area in the short to medium term.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is aware of the Milford community's concern about growth and its effect on the area. As such, it has used the community's own visioning work – the Milford Village Forum's Community Led Visioning Report – as the starting point for the plan. Similarly, the plan is a local response to the high level directives signalled by the Auckland Plan.

The centre plan aims to meet the aspirations of all stakeholders – community, local business and the council. It sets out a local vision and five desired outcomes which respond to the Auckland Plan vision and to the important issues identified so far.

## Partnerships

Creating a successful town centre will require collaboration between a wide variety of groups that include the Milford community, the council,

its council-controlled organisations (CCOs) and private landowners. The council will work with these parties to make the most of available resources in delivering the aspirations of the centre plan.

Mana whenua are recognised as treaty partners and there are several mana whenua groups with an interest in the area. Ongoing consultation will help grow the relationship with mana whenua and explore their involvement in the many opportunities identified by the centre plan. Talks with mana whenua so far have highlighted the need for early iwi involvement in the projects of this plan.

## The Plan Area

The area addressed by the plan (refer Figure 1) focuses on the Milford town centre and its surrounding environment, including Milford Reserve and beach to the north, Lake Pupuke to the south and Wairau Estuary and marina to the west. At the centre of the study area is Milford's 'main street' – Kitchener Road, and the Milford shopping mall.

Milford's connection to the coast, estuary, and lake underscore the importance of the wider environment in relation to the town centre. This environment includes one of Auckland's remaining estuarine ecosystems and the only freshwater urban crater lake.

## How the plan works

The heart of the centre plan is a vision for Milford based on a set of agreed principles. The vision will guide future public realm initiatives, and signal to the private sector the council's aims for Milford. Giving effect to the vision are five priority outcomes supported by objectives and detailed actions.

Some of these actions will be easy to implement and others will require a more considered and staged approach. Some require a new way of thinking about Milford as a town centre and the role it plays within the surrounding area.

The timing and delivery of the plan will be over the next 30 years. Both Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and the local community will have an important role to ensure the plan's aspiration and projects are followed through – including advocacy through the Long-term Plan (LTP), the council's main budgetary tool.

The actions identified as part of this centre plan

have been grouped into two time frames for implementation:

- A number of the projects and initiatives, subject to funding availability, will be short-term improvements that could be implemented over the next five years.
- Longer term projects (6-30 years) will rely on funding from the council's LTP and partnering with other agencies and communities for funding and delivery. Opportunities also exist to undertake some of the suggested improvements as part of routine maintenance and renewals.



Figure 1. Milford Centre Plan area





# 2 DEVELOPING THE PLAN

2013	COMMUNITY-LED VISIONING (REPORT DATED MAY 2013)	The community-led visioning report prepared by Milford Vision Forum to identify key issues and recommendations for the Milford area, with seed-funding from the local board.
	RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS (MAY-JUNE)	Research and analysis of technical issues and previous work relevant to Milford, previous community feedback on the Devonport-Takapuna Area Plan, and on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2014 taken into account.
2014	PLAN DEVELOPMENT (JULY-OCT)	Draft centre plan prepared with a working party of members of Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and representatives of the local community, using the visioning report as a starting point. Stakeholder and iwi consultation commenced.
	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (NOV-DEC)	Draft centre plan released for engagement.
2015	INCORPORATE FEEDBACK AND FINALISE PLAN (JAN-MARCH)	Review of feedback and finalising the town centre plan with the working party.
	ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION (APRIL)	Final plan adopted by Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, implementation begins.

## Engagement and Feedback

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board was keen to develop the centre plan by working closely with the local community.

The Milford Village Forum, with funding from the board, prepared the Milford Community-Led Visioning Report in early 2013. The Visioning Report surveyed the local community to understand its concerns and ideas for Milford's future.

The Milford Centre Plan is a natural continuation of that exercise. Key members of the Milford Residents' Association, Castor Bay Residents' and Ratepayers' Association, Milford Village Forum and the Milford Business Association were invited to be part of the working party that guided the development of the plan.

Auckland Council staff also met with key property owners, Auckland Transport and other technical stakeholders to supplement their initial research and analysis.

A draft of the Milford Centre Plan was released for feedback from 10 November to 1 December 2014. During the period a number of events were held to get the community's views. They included a 'Walk and Talk Milford', a community workshop in Milford Baptist Church, displays in the main street and stalls at the pirate market day and in the Milford Shopping Centre. On 20 October 2014 the local board hosted a hui with mana whenua to address Māori aspirations for the area.

The draft plan received 68 responses, from a range of individuals, business and stakeholder groups.

Feedback was generally supportive of the draft centre plan's proposed outcomes and actions. Issues which generated the most interest included provisions for pedestrians and cyclists as well as the effects of traffic. The working party guided the development of the plan to ensure that it properly reflected community feedback.

This plan was adopted by Devonport-Takapuna Local Board on 21 April 2015.



Public engagement events: clockwise from top right hand: technical workshop; Milford Mall; Pirate Market day



### 3 HOW THE PLAN FITS IN – THE STRATEGIC CONTEXT



## THE AUCKLAND PLAN VISION

The Auckland Plan's vision is to make Auckland the world's most liveable city. The Auckland Plan aims to accommodate most residential, retail and employment growth within a high quality compact Auckland characterised by a hierarchy of centres. Milford is identified as a town centre in the Auckland Plan. The Milford Centre Plan's vision and five outcomes align and contribute to the Auckland Plan vision. This means managing the potential effects of growth in a way that complements, rather than compromises, Milford's unique qualities.



## THE PROPOSED AUCKLAND UNITARY PLAN

The Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (PAUP) will replace the Regional Policy Statement and 13 existing district and regional plans. It contains the rules that will enable Milford to develop as a town centre, implementing the building form, activity, transport and environmental directions proposed in the Auckland Plan. The Milford Centre Plan has been developed while public submissions to the PAUP are being heard. It has proceeded on the assumption of development potential contained in the PAUP. If significant changes result from the hearings process, these can be addressed in due course as part of the centre plan review signalled in section 8.



# DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA AREA PLAN

The Devonport-Takapuna Area Plan presents a 30 year vision for the local board area, implementing at a local level the strategic directions of the Auckland Plan. The vision is for Devonport-Takapuna to continue to be an attractive area in which to live, work and play, as well as a visitor destination with distinct character, opportunities and points of difference.



## DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2014

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2014 creates the world's most liveable city at the local level reflecting the community's aspirations and priorities. It guides the board's decisions on and funding for, local activities, and is reviewed every three years. The Milford Centre Plan is a key initiative of the local board plan and will help implement its priorities and inspire future projects.



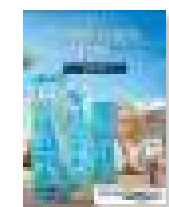
## INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

The Integrated Transport Programme sets out the 30-year investment programme to meet the transport priorities outlined in the Auckland Plan. The 'New Network' to improve regional public transport is one such initiative. Auckland Transport's (AT's) role as the Road Controlling Authority means that some of the actions proposed in the Milford Centre Plan will require their funding and support.



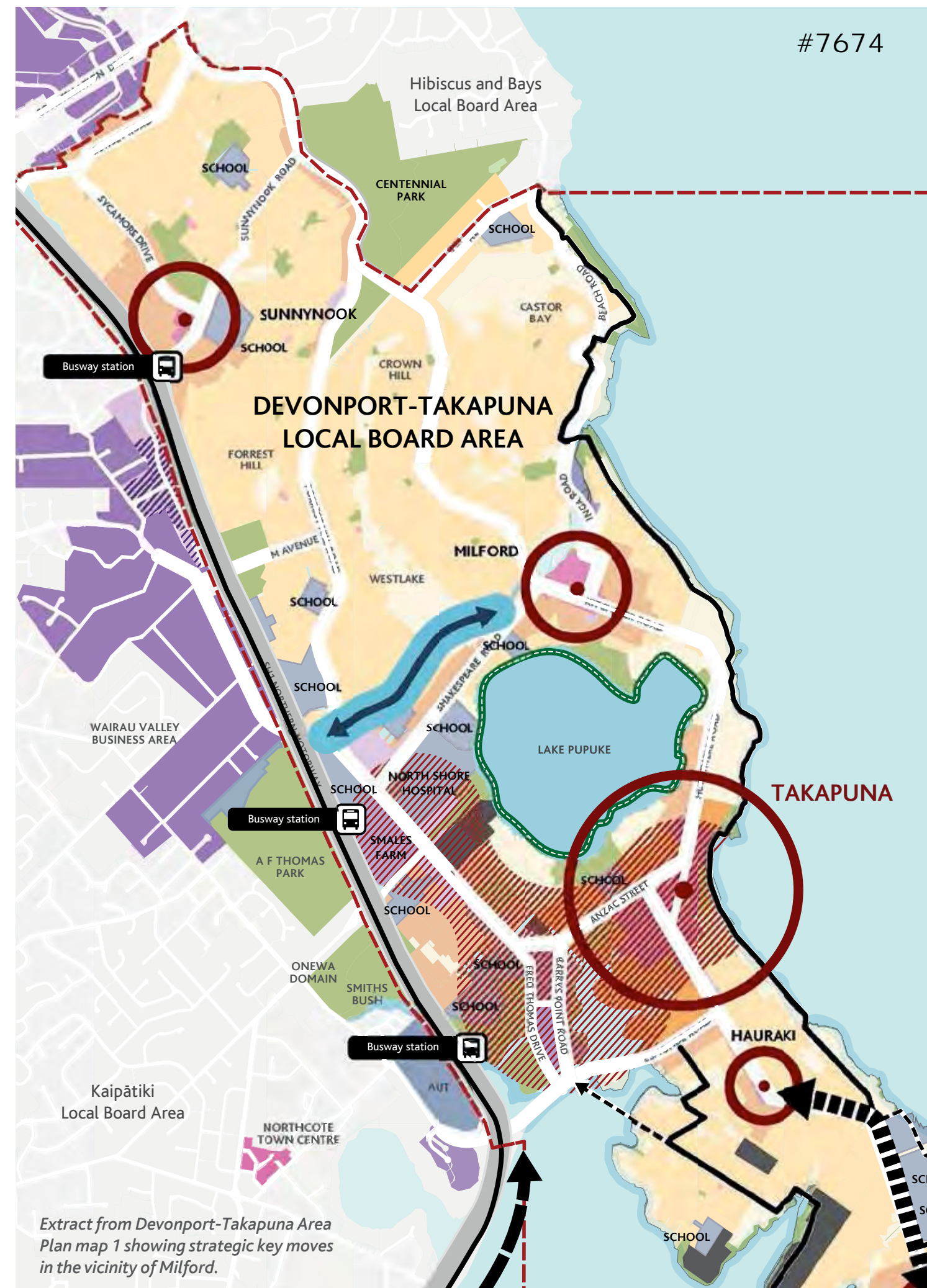
## AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S LONG-TERM PLAN

The Long-term Plan (LTP) is council's main budgetary tool for all of Auckland Council and the council-controlled organisations. It sets out the projects and services identified for funding across Auckland over a ten-year period. The Milford Centre Plan includes some actions for the local board to advocate for LTP funding from the governing body or to reprioritise its own local board funding. The LTP 2015-2025 is currently being prepared and any projects are subject to reprioritisation measures. As such, the timings listed for actions in this centre plan are indicative only.



## MILFORD CENTRE PLAN

The Milford Centre Plan identifies a future vision and projects that can create the public realm needed for Milford's local community and its future role in the regional vision.





# 4 MILFORD TODAY AND TOMORROW – THE LOCAL CONTEXT



Milford Marina

The 20th Century saw the transformation of Milford from a seaside holiday destination into a vibrant town centre. Milford offers a range of amenities and services for the local community and visitors to the area. It is a relatively affluent and market-attractive area. It is in a strong position to respond to future challenges. However it is Milford's stunning natural assets – Lake Pupuke, Wairau Estuary and the beautiful Milford coastline – that makes it stand out.

## Natural Features

The key opportunities and challenges for Milford's water and coastal environment include:

- **Wairau Estuary.** The estuary is both a hidden amenity and a natural connector between the coastal edge, the marina and the town centre. The estuary supports diverse habitats; however, there are concerns with sedimentation, contaminants and future weather events that risk upsetting its dynamics.
- **Lake Pupuke:** This lake is a stunning natural feature with significant geological and natural value. The lake's uniqueness as a fresh water body in an explosion crater is an important element in Auckland's geological heritage that should be celebrated, while providing a range of recreational opportunities. However, as the lake is not visible from the town centre, first time visitors are often unaware of its existence.
- **Milford Beach and reserve:** This attractive environment draws locals and visitors to the area by offering them opportunities for active and passive recreation, along with views and access to the Hauraki Gulf. However, the pedestrian environment between the town centre and the coastal edge is difficult to negotiate and not easily followed.

These natural features and open spaces should be celebrated by improving their environmental wellbeing, creating safer and easily understood walking connections between them and the town centre and making more obvious reference to them in the public spaces within the town centre.

## People and Places

Redevelopment within the town centre and adjacent residential areas is expected to be quite rapid in the commercial area and much more gradual in the residential. The key opportunities and challenges for Milford's growing and built environment include:

- **Town Centre:** The centre provides for a range of shops and commercial offices, surrounded

by suburban residential living. The 'main street' (Kitchener Road) is typified by one to two-storey buildings, with shops facing onto the street and car parking to the rear. It is connected to the Milford shopping mall by a central car park. Most of the town centre is on flat land. If we improve the ways into the centre and, while managing its role as a transport thoroughfare, make Kitchener Road into a better place for people, the ease of walking can be a point of difference. The plaza is a natural central meeting place and opportunities for improving this space would cater to the needs of a growing and changing population.

The main street and the mall provide excellent retail facilities that attract both locals and visitors. Proposed commercial redevelopment should further enhance the quality and choice of retail on offer, as the business community continues to create a premium retail centre.

There is an opportunity for pedestrian laneway style developments on the edge of the centre (between Kitchener Road and the service lane). Such a configuration would add another dimension to Milford's attraction as a retail and service centre (see Outcome 2). The additional upper levels of floor space provided for within the commercial area are likely to be residential in nature rather than office or business space, as demand for the latter is more likely to be drawn to Takapuna and Smales Farm.

- **Residential:** Milford is characterised by low-rise, low to medium density suburban residential living with a limited choice of housing types. There was no significant change in population between 2006 and 2013, possibly due to the low opportunity for additional housing. Much of the housing has been built quite recently or comprises unit titled flats. With high land values and a relatively settled community, redevelopment of the residential area is likely to be gradual and incremental. Most new residential provision is likely to be located within the commercial area, with the opportunity for apartment living. This broadens the choice of housing types currently available, particularly if retirement living is part of the mix.
- **People and Community:** Milford has an aging population but there will be demographic changes as people move into and out of the area and eventually a younger age structure may evolve. It is likely to become more ethnically and culturally diverse over time. The centre's role as a community hub is supported by a wide range of clubs and organisations. It has no council owned or operated community buildings but it is served by nearby facilities in Takapuna and Sunnynook. The provision of community buildings in Milford itself appears unlikely within at least the next decade.



# 5 ENVISIONING MILFORD – THE VISION AND KEY CONCEPTS

## A defining vision

The vision for Auckland becoming the world's most liveable city can be achieved locally by making Milford more vibrant and accessible for everyone. In particular, Milford has the potential to build on its natural and cultural heritage as a visitor and local destination as well as its unique location between Lake Pupuke, Milford Beach and Wairau Estuary.

## Vision: Milford has a strong local identity

This plan sets the Milford vision of:

“A high quality and accessible centre expressing a strong local identity, with its own story and a friendly, relaxed community heart.”






The Milford centre should express the values of the present and future community. It can become better at attracting visitors by increasingly demonstrating a strong sense of its unique identity and experience. This identity includes elements such as:

- the marine environment
- the seaside village heritage
- special geological and environmental features
- a vibrant and attractive retail sector.

## MILFORD VISION MAP

### Key:

#### Milford outcomes

-  A strong connection between quality destinations
-  Kitchener Road as a pedestrian friendly 'main street'
-  An attractive, vibrant community focal point
-  A healthy and attractive Wairau Estuary
-  Tell the local stories and celebrate our heritage

#### Walkways and cycling connections

-  Future Auckland Cycling Network
-  Te Araroa walkway
-  Existing Milford Beach loop
-  Existing Lake Pupuke loop
-  Proposed Milford walkway loop
-  Proposed boardwalk (indicative)
-  Possible future walking connection
-  Possible cycle route
-  Proposed pedestrian bridge
-  Desired access



Figure 2. Milford Vision Map – a concept plan showing key outcomes

The local board is aware of the Milford community's desire for a town centre that retains a feeling of 'human scale' and is not dominated by the effects of tall buildings.

The centre plan responds to the community's aspirations by focusing on public space improvements, including designing these to build on Milford's unique character.

At the same time, the intention is to influence thinking in the private sector, so that changes and new developments support the same outcomes and objectives. This process can be assisted by clear and strong principles which are explained in the next section.

The Vision Map (Figure 2) and concept diagrams on this page visualise the important concepts behind the outcomes: the walkable loops linking up the key features of Milford and the way community life can be focused on the plaza.



# 6 PRINCIPLES

The following principles will guide the achievement of the key outcomes and related actions in the next section of the plan.

## Natural and cultural heritage

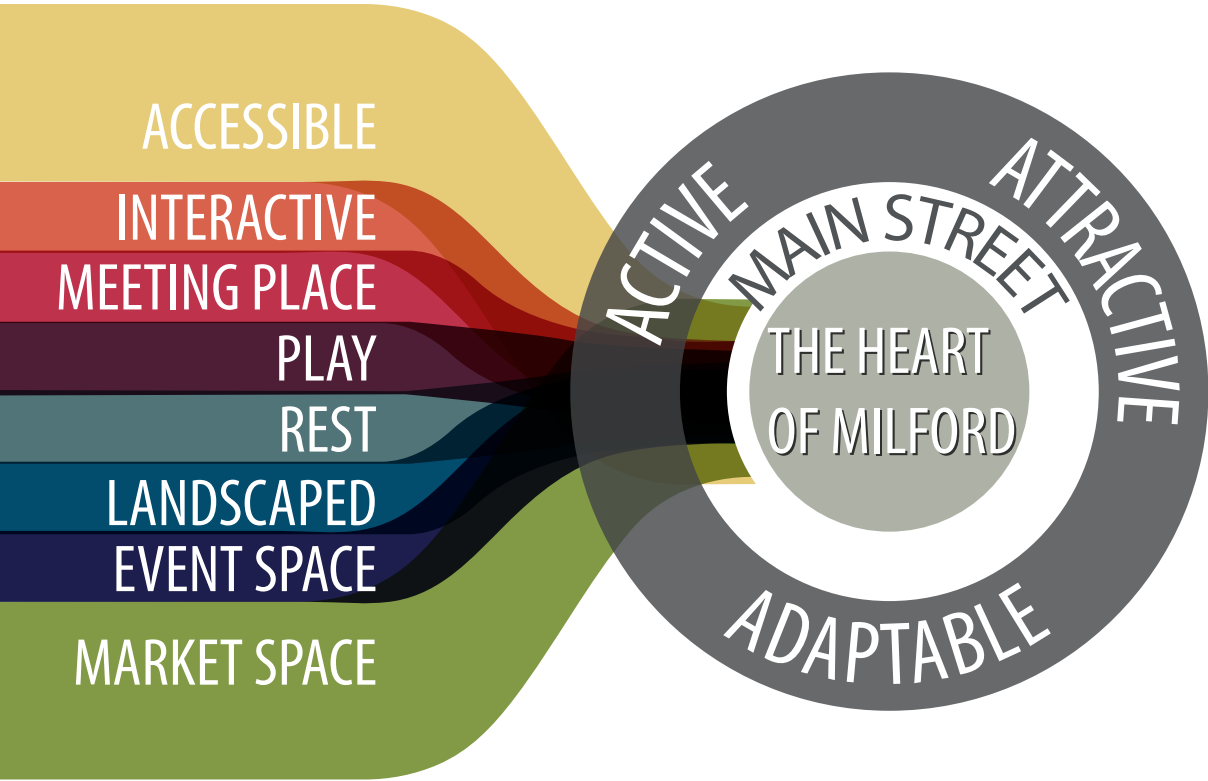
Milford's identity can be enhanced by integrating its natural, geological, cultural, and heritage stories into the design of local projects such as signage and landscaping. Natural and historic heritage sites can form part of an overall Milford story, contributing to cultural and social wellbeing. The Milford story needs to tell Māori narratives as well as the histories of early European settlers and the on-going life of the community.

With the help of mana whenua and the local community it will be possible to develop story-telling, education, and other projects that express this aspect of local identity.

The iwi we spoke with encouraged recognition of the role of the Milford community in restoring and educating people about their environment. All local people are caretakers or kaitiaki of Milford; there is a shared ethos of concern for the environment.

## Mana whenua as kaitiaki or guardians

The council and the local board are committed partners with mana whenua to bring forward Māori cultural heritage. This can be expressed through appropriate projects and designs which reflect the Treaty of Waitangi partnership with mana whenua. The local board can support iwi efforts to develop a cultural values assessment which will reveal the traditional stories that iwi wish to share. Iwi should also be involved early in the inception of projects.



Heart of Milford Concept





### Character

Milford's town centre has the potential to express its unique character or 'sense of place' by making the most of its relationship with the coast and lake edge.

New developments that connect well (both physically and otherwise) with the coast, Wairau Estuary and Lake Pupuke will help develop the character and economic vitality of the centre. The character elements of these natural features could inform the location, bulk and form of development. Similarly, future growth and activity will make sure the town centre remains the heart of the local community by keeping it economically viable. It currently serves an important function as a support and service centre for a wide catchment.

The key outcomes and actions propose the use of character defining elements (such as landscaping, way finding elements and the materials used) throughout the Milford area. This will help develop a consistent and memorable 'sense of place' that everyone can appreciate and enjoy.

Public engagement has resulted in a mixed degree of support for design guidelines. The council currently provides best-practice design guidance through the Auckland Design Manual. It is an online tool with tips and case-studies to illustrate broad design principles for quality buildings. The manual also contains tailored guidelines for specific areas. The Auckland Design Manual is non-binding, but is an important tool for helping developers to align their projects with the community's desire for 'human scale' developments.

The working party and the local board are keen to encourage a local initiative to debate and develop some non-statutory guidelines for Milford centre. It is an opportunity for the community and developers to have a conversation about the future of the Milford centre, outside of the statutory processes.

### Accessibility

The Milford centre is relatively flat and popular for walking. Improved accessibility for a wide variety of people, including families, those with disabilities, young and older people, has the potential to result in a range of benefits. These include increased exercise and decreased reliance on motor vehicles, greater social interaction and environmental awareness. Improving connections, accessibility and legibility (i.e. promoting safe, efficient access, within a well-signposted environment with appropriate quality lighting) will enhance Milford as a destination that can be enjoyed by all.

The Vision Map identifies a possible network of routes to strengthen Milford town centre's connection with the coast, estuary, and Lake Pupuke, including the Te Araroa Walkway. Figure 3 illustrates 'desire lines' (i.e. routes between local destinations) within Milford, with particular emphasis on those where improving accessibility is desirable in the future.



Figure 3: Key desire lines, destinations and attractors

### Social infrastructure

While Milford benefits from many destinations and areas of interest (refer Figure 3), a detailed needs assessment should be carried out to ensure future provision of social infrastructure will support the growth anticipated over the next 30 years.

A social infrastructure needs assessment can help us understand what social infrastructure is required. It will look at the gaps, duplications and opportunities to improve facilities. Smaller (but just as important) facilities such as playgrounds can be upgraded to fit the future needs of the community.

Current facilities within Milford are run by a variety of private organisations, some in arrangement with the council. The wide range of community-based organisations and sports clubs play a significant role in creating Milford's local identity and should be involved as stakeholders in future projects.

In the short term we can improve awareness of existing facilities and how to access facilities in other centres like Takapuna and Sunnynook.

In the medium to long term, the centre plan looks to promote local living and walkability by encouraging any new community facilities to be located within or nearby the town centre.

### Sustainability

Milford will play its role as a town centre in contributing to Auckland becoming a more compact, resilient and sustainable region. It will do so in a way that does not compromise its environmental values, sense of place and the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

The council needs to plan Milford's future in preparation for gradual growth and for the potential environmental effects of climate change and extreme weather events. The PAUP contains provisions controlling development around natural hazards and land subject to flooding risks. These will be taken account of in future projects supported by this plan and risk management will be supplemented by monitoring, education and restoration programmes.





# 7 MAKING IT HAPPEN – OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS

Building on the foundation of the Vision and Principles, the vision is supported by five outcomes. These are the catalysts for change to achieve the vision (refer Figure 2):

- Outcome 1:** A strong connection between quality destinations
- Outcome 2:** Kitchener Road as a pedestrian friendly 'main street'
- Outcome 3:** An attractive, vibrant community focal point
- Outcome 4:** A healthy and attractive Wairau Estuary
- Outcome 5:** Tell the local stories and celebrate our heritage.



Breakwater at Ocean View Road



## 7.1 OUTCOME 1: A STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN QUALITY DESTINATIONS

Milford town centre has a successful retail offering with opportunities to make more of its unique heritage, proximity to natural features and potential for recreational walking and cycling circuits. It is surrounded by wonderful natural assets, in particular, the estuary, coast and beach to the north and Lake Pupuke to the south. These areas have the potential for greater use and could be promoted as unique destinations within Milford for locals and visitors. Likewise, Wairau Estuary contains a well-known marina giving access to the Hauraki Gulf.

Although Milford Reserve and the beach are popular, there are opportunities for improvement to serve the present and future local community and visitors.

Lake Pupuke is a hidden gem of Milford but access to it is poor and it currently has little relationship with the town centre. There is a great opportunity to improve connections to and around the lake, open up views and introduce new features to improve the experience.

Milford can become a significant focal point on the Te Araroa national walkway and the Lake Pupuke walking route. There are opportunities to improve the ecological and biodiversity values of the coast, the estuary and the lake and at the same time educate people and tell the local stories that are part of Milford's heritage.

The Milford Road to Dodson Avenue corridor is the primary connection between the coast and the lake. Streetscape upgrades along this stretch of road could help to reinforce Milford's unique location between the coast and lake by enticing people to explore the area's natural assets.

If excellent connectivity is provided between Milford town centre and these quality destinations, they can serve to attract more visitors to the town centre, promoting economic growth, and supporting local employment opportunities.



Figure 4. Outcome 1 – proposed actions to strengthen the connections between Milford town centre and the destinations on the coastal edge and at Lake Pupuke

### Key:

#### Proposed short term actions

- Promote walking events
- Lake edge access
- Pedestrian priority - continuous footpath
- Pedestrian crossing points
- Lake Pupuke walkway
- Pedestrian/cycle bridge
- Pedestrian/cycling facilities
- Multi-purpose play area
- Mall green space
- Active edges
- Feature wall

#### Proposed medium to long term actions

- Pedestrian safety and amenity improvements
- Pedestrian boulevard - Ihumata Rd to Milford Beach
- Cycling improvements - Kitchen Rd to Milford Reserve
- Enhance existing lake edge access

- Park planning - Sylvan Park and Milford Reserve
- Beach pocket park - end of Milford Rd
- Car-park configuration

#### Other

- View Points



Outcome Objectives

- Established points of interest for visitors at the lake and coastal edges of the corridor, providing opportunities for all people to fully enjoy the views and experience the natural and cultural heritage and character of the area.
- Strengthened Milford Reserve and Milford Beach as quality visitor destinations through on-going improvements to amenities and access.
- Enhanced universal access, walking and cycling amenity and legibility along the length of the Milford Road to Dodson Avenue corridor,

supported by way finding elements and landscape enhancements that reflect the character of the area and encourage people to explore further.

- Improved visual and physical connections with Lake Pupuke, alongside improvements to accessibility, education and provision of local community amenities.
- The design of commercial or mixed use developments relates to the public realm (streets and public spaces) in a positive way, assisting to provide interest, activity and passive surveillance to the route (see example on p23).



Proposed Wairau Estuary Bridge. Used with permission of Devonport -Takapuna Local Board

PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR OUTCOME 1 (refer figure 4)

Action no.	Map ref.	Proposed short term actions (0-5 years)	Lead agency
1.		<b>Promote walking events</b> Promote regular walking events along the Milford-Dodson Avenue corridor to raise awareness of the lake to beach link.	MBA/AC/ community
2.		<b>Lake edge access</b> Improve access to Lake Pupuke from the southern end of Dodson Avenue with clear way-finding, entry and view points and new accent planting. Provide improved paths for access suitable for wheelchairs and prams to views of the lake and through the park, and parking for bicycles.	AC
3.		<b>Pedestrian priority – continuous footpath</b> Investigate the reinstatement of footpath paving over the existing service vehicle crossing adjacent to the Milford Road supermarket in conjunction with future footpath renewal programmes and in consultation with adjacent landowners.	AT
4.		<b>Pedestrian crossing points</b> Investigate opportunities for improved pedestrian crossing points, such as through the use of kerb build outs, raised crossings and changes in road corridor materials at crossing points.	AT
5.		<b>Lake Pupuke walkway study</b> Undertake a study in relation to improving pedestrian connections around Lake Pupuke.	AC
6.		<b>Pedestrian and cycle bridge – Wairau Estuary</b> Construct the proposed new Wairau Estuary pedestrian and cycle bridge towards the northern end of the estuary	LB
7.		<b>Pedestrian and cycling facilities – Milford Reserve</b> Enhance pedestrian and cycling facilities throughout Milford Reserve (including connections with the proposed pedestrian bridge) and around the existing car park.	AT
8.		<b>Multipurpose play area</b> At the time of renewal, play equipment and other interventions should be themed to reflect the natural and cultural heritage of the 'Pirate Shippe' and salt water baths and include equipment for older and young children and those with disabilities.	AC
9.		<b>Mall green space</b> Work with the landowner to enhance the existing shopping mall open space facing Milford Road, in particular, opening up visibility and accessibility to Milford Road (while retaining trees and shelter from the elements).	AC

NB Implementation of actions is subject to funding availability and priorities

Abbreviations applying throughout the tables that follow:

- LB: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
- AC: Auckland Council
- AT: Auckland Transport
- MBA: Milford Business Association



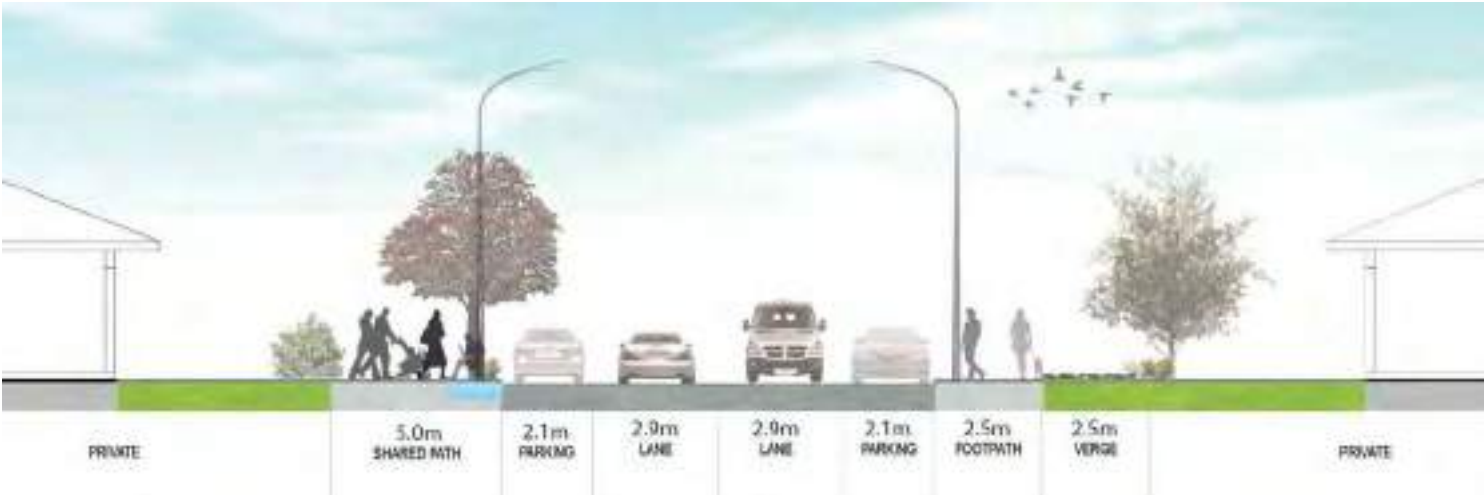


Figure 5. Indicative Milford Road cross-section, illustrating boulevard style shared path to west (note dimensions do not indicate a final design; for example, may include provision for cyclists)



Demonstration of corner activation and passive surveillance



Ocean View Road

Action no.	Map ref.	Proposed short term actions (0-5 years)	Lead agency
10.		<b>Active edges – corner of Milford and Ihumata Roads</b> Encourage the activation of ground floor uses at the corner of Milford and Ihumata Roads (facing Milford Road) when the site is developed and encourage the landowner to work with Auckland Council to enhance the adjacent streetscape. In the long term, seek the provision of active commercial uses addressing Milford Road.	AC
11.		<b>Feature wall</b> In the short term, work with the landowner of the shopping mall to create a living wall (or similar intervention to create visitor and community interest) along the length of the blank Milford Road supermarket façade.	MBA/AC/ community

Action no.	Map ref.	Proposed medium to long term actions (6-30 years)	Lead agency
12.		<b>Pedestrian safety and amenity – Kitchener and Milford Road intersection</b> Investigate pedestrian safety and amenity and vehicle improvements to the Kitchener Road and Milford Road intersection as per Outcome 2, action 12.	AT
13.		<b>Pedestrian boulevard – Ihumata Road to Milford Beach</b> Investigate opportunities for footpath improvements along the western side of Milford Road from Ihumata Road to Milford Beach, including where appropriate boulevard-style widening integrated with landscaping and tree planting, way finding elements and street furniture. Refer Figure 5, Milford Road cross-section.	AT
14.		<b>Cycling improvements – Kitchener Road to Milford Reserve</b> Investigate possible cycling improvements between Kitchener Road, Milford Reserve and Lake Pupuke as part of the Auckland Cycle Network.	AT
15.		<b>Enhance existing lake edge access</b> Enhance the existing boardwalks and trails and provide access suitable for cyclists around the edge of Lake Pupuke, including provision of a lookout platform, seating and information signage (including way finding and interpretation to tell the story of the explosion crater) at the lake edge.	AC
16.		<b>Park planning – Sylvan Park</b> Prepare a development plan for Sylvan Park, with emphasis on provision of further water sports based facilities, and investigate demand for a playground.	AC
17.		<b>Beach pocket park – end of Milford Road</b> Continue current programme to establish a beach pocket park at the end of Milford Road, designed to maximise access to the beach for a wide range of users, and provide opportunities for sitting and watching.	AC/AT
18.		<b>Park planning – Milford Reserve</b> In liaison with the community, prepare a comprehensive plan for Milford Reserve addressing safety, accessibility, connectivity, and active and passive recreation. Review the configuration of the existing Milford Beach car park to enhance the grassed open space directly adjacent to the beach, while maintaining good sea views from cars that are parked there. These views are valuable to the less mobile and in poor weather.	AC

NB Implementation of actions is subject to funding availability and priorities



7.2 OUTCOME 2: KITCHENER ROAD AS A PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY 'MAIN STREET'

Milford is a town centre with anticipated residential and business growth and has significant potential to attract visitors from beyond the Milford area. Improving Kitchen Road to become a more pedestrian friendly 'main street' will build on Milford's existing qualities which make it such an attractive destination. However, this needs to be balanced with the recognition that Kitchen Road is a main thoroughfare for both public transport and vehicles. This can be achieved through:

- providing for increased numbers of pedestrians and universal accessibility

- improving the pedestrian realm to provide for on-street dining and other activities
- utilising spaces such as existing service lanes and seating areas.

Outcome objectives

- enhanced pedestrian safety and accessibility throughout the main street while managing its transport functions
- enhanced the character and legibility of the main street through progressive public realm upgrades, reflective of the surrounding coastal and lake environments
- provision of opportunities for outdoor dining and other activities.



Figure 6. Outcome 2 – possible actions to assist in enhancing Kitchen Road as a pedestrian friendly 'main street' (numbers refer to table of actions on the following pages)

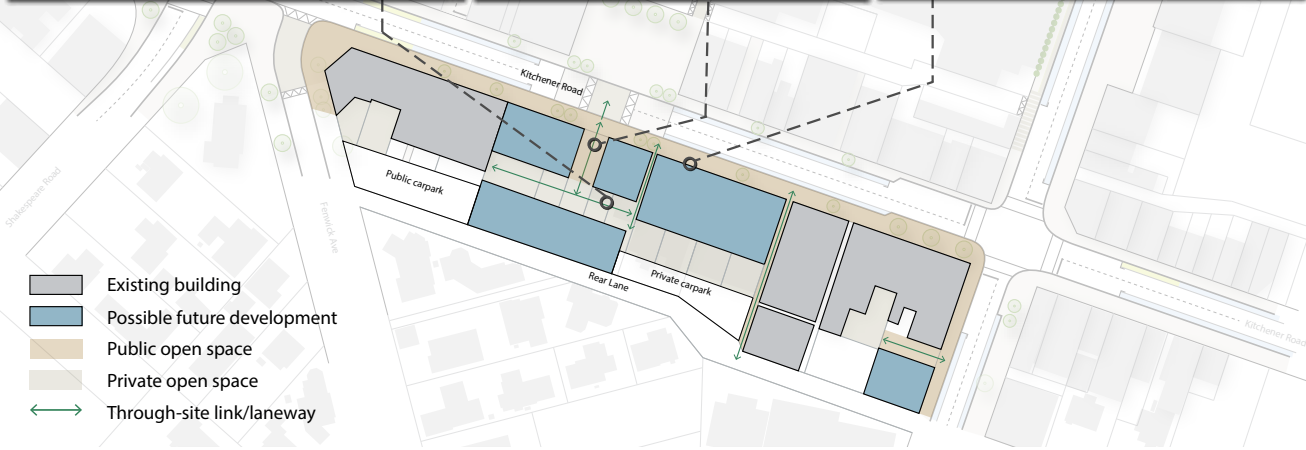


Figure 7. Concept plans showing possible variations in provision of laneways and dining areas over time, achieved on a site by site basis (voluntary development by private owners)

PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR OUTCOME 2 (refer figure 6)

Action no. and map ref.	Proposed short term actions (0-5 years)	Lead agency
1.	<b>Bus stop improvements</b> Improve bus stops with dedicated seating areas and a destination and timetable board as bus service levels increase as per the New Network project.	AT
2.	<b>Laneways</b> Encourage future development of the buildings to the rear of Kitchen Road, including pedestrian walkways, rear lanes and rear dining areas (refer figure 7, based on possible private development over time).	MBA/AC
3.	<b>Advocate for landscaping palette</b> Advocate for a Milford-specific palette of landscape elements and treatment as per Outcome 5 Action 1 (consistent across the plan area).	LB/MBA
4.	See Outcome 3 for accessibility improvements within the car park itself.	
5.	<b>Accessibility guidelines</b> Working with local businesses, develop an accessibility guideline for commercial premises, to encourage landowners to implement universal access.	LB/MBA
6.	<b>Pedestrian and cycle safety and amenity</b> In conjunction with local consultation for the short term safety upgrade of the Kitchen-East Coast Road intersection, investigate potential improvements to pedestrian and cycle safety and amenity.	AT

NB Implementation of actions is subject to funding availability and priorities



Action no. and map ref.	Proposed medium to long term actions (6-30 years)	Lead agency
7.	<b>Cycle safety options</b> Investigate options and, if viable, implement improved cycle safety through the town centre, along with locations for safe, accessible cycle “corrals” (on-street bicycle parking facilities).	AT
8.	<b>Pedestrian priority</b> Investigate opportunities for a continuous footpath surface along the main street, such as providing raised crossings at side-streets to allow for pedestrian priority.	AT
9.	<b>Milford Plaza improvements</b> In consultation with Auckland Transport and adjacent landowners, investigate removing vehicle access from Kitchener Road to enhance and extend the Milford Plaza (as per figure 6 concept plan).	LB
10.	<b>Widen footpaths – Kitchener Road</b> In conjunction with action 9, investigate opportunities to improve and widen footpaths along Kitchener Road (refer figure 8), while also giving consideration to providing a safe environment for cyclists and other road users.	AT
11.	<b>Landscaping opportunities</b> Investigate opportunities to improve landscaping and sustainability improvements such as feature trees and rain gardens within the town centre, on Kitchener Road and within the Milford Plaza area.	AC/AT
12.	<b>Pedestrian safety and amenity – Kitchener and Milford Road intersection</b> Investigate pedestrian and vehicle improvements to the Kitchener Road and Milford Road intersection.	AT
13.	<b>Connectivity and way finding – through-site links and laneways</b> Work with landowners to create new through site links and enhanced laneways (such as when adjoining development occurs) by way of lighting, wayfinding signage, art work (where appropriate), and consistent paving materials with the main street.	AC/LB/MBA

NB Implementation of actions is subject to funding availability and priorities



Examples of possible wayfinding



Figure 8. A possible Kitchener Road cross section (note: dimensions do not indicate a final design; the above design is subject to further design and stakeholder engagement and may comprise alternative options)



Intersection of Milford and Kitchener Roads





Artist's impression of car park used for events (note the above is subject to further design and stakeholder engagement and may comprise alternative options) ASAPimageNZ



Artist's visualisation of the plaza (note the above is subject to further design and stakeholder engagement and may comprise alternative options) ASAPimageNZ

### 7.3 OUTCOME 3: AN ATTRACTIVE, VIBRANT COMMUNITY FOCAL POINT

Milford currently lacks a central, convenient focal point at the heart of the town centre where people can meet and gather. Such a space will be increasingly important as Milford's local and visitor population continues to grow. The prime location of the existing plaza space and the council owned car park on Kitchener Road

means that space has the potential to become an attractive civic heart and a community meeting place. This could occur as opportunities arise to better manage demand for off-street car parking.

#### Outcome objectives

- A safe, attractive Milford Plaza which can cater for a variety uses and reflects the unique character of the area.
- Milford Plaza becomes a vibrant community focus activated by a range of adjacent uses, including improved community services.



Figure 9. Outcome 3 – possible actions to assist in providing an attractive, vibrant community focal point at the heart of Milford's town centre off Kitchener Road. Note: this would require further public consultation and does not denote a final design (numbers refer to table of actions on the following pages)



### PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR OUTCOME 3 (refer figure 9)

Action no. and map ref.	Proposed short term actions (0-5 years)	Lead agency
1.	<b>Multi-use space</b> Work with Auckland Transport, community stakeholders and the Milford Business Association to explore potential for a variety of uses (such as markets and events) within the Milford Plaza and over the car parking area.	LB/AT/MBA/ community
2.	<b>Active edges – plaza and car park site</b> In dialogue with surrounding landowners and stakeholders, encourage adjoining landowners to open out to, and activate the plaza and car park site edges.	AC/AT MBA
3.	<b>Minimise shading of Milford Plaza</b> Investigate potential shading of Milford Plaza in relation to future development, and mechanisms for minimising any potential adverse effects.	AC
4.	<b>Community needs assessment</b> For the town centre and wider Milford area, undertake a detailed social infrastructure needs assessment to ensure that future provision will support growth and change over the next 30 years.	AC
5.	<b>Pedestrian improvements – car parking area</b> Investigate and undertake low cost improvements to the car parking area to improve pedestrian safety, including wheel stops to keep cars off the pathways, retaining disabled car parks and provide additional wheelchair kerb crossings near the Senior Citizens' hall.	LB/AT

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Action no. and map ref.	Proposed medium to long term actions (6-30 years)	Lead agency
6.	<p><b>Public awareness – facilities and events</b></p> <p>Increase awareness of community facilities and events through provision of signage and noticeboards within and around Milford town centre and council information on-line – including how to access them by public transport.</p>	LB/AT/AC
7.	<p><b>Place making – Milford Plaza</b></p> <p>In consultation with key stakeholders including Auckland Transport, investigate extending and activating the Milford Plaza area (refer indicative cross section below, figure 10). See related action in Outcome 2 Action 9.</p> <p>Also investigate opportunities to provide high quality street furniture within the plaza reflecting Milford's unique identity and encourage active shop fronts to face onto the public space as development occurs.</p>	LB/AT/AC
8.	<p><b>Pedestrian walkways – car park</b></p> <p>Investigate the configuration of pedestrian walkways around the car park such as narrowing vehicle lanes; and establish pedestrian priority over vehicle crossing points.</p>	AT
9.	<p><b>Community venue</b></p> <p>Dependent upon the outcome of the needs assessment in Action 4, investigate opportunities, including partnering, for a centrally located multipurpose community venue that would cater for community events and other activities.</p>	AC

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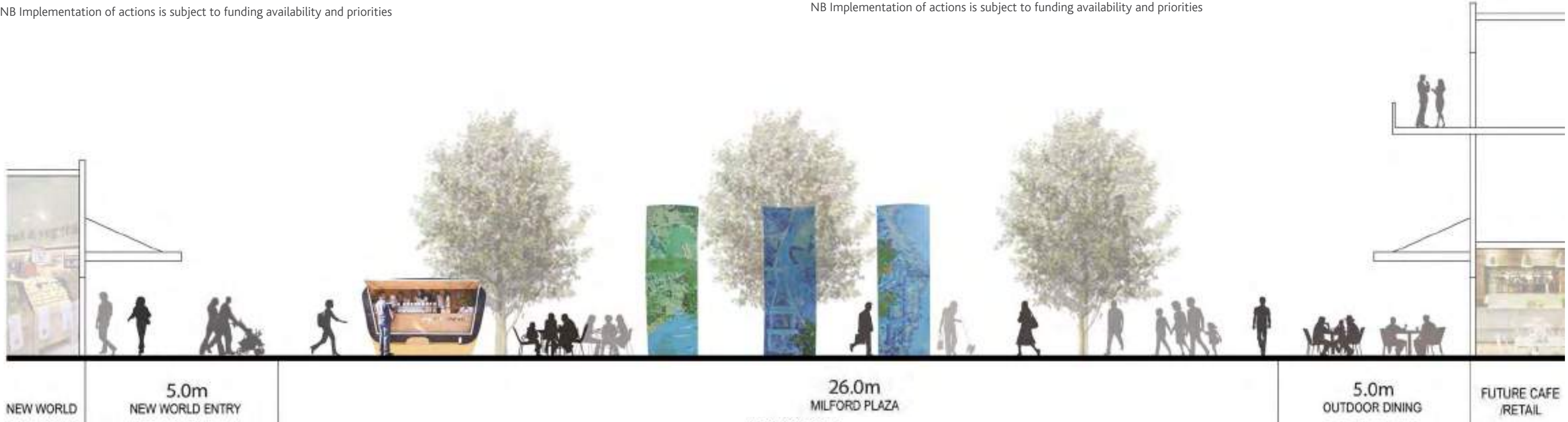


Figure 10. Indicative Milford Plaza cross-section, showing active frontages to each side (note dimensions do not indicate final design)

## 7.4 OUTCOME 4: A HEALTHY AND ATTRACTIVE WAIRAU ESTUARY

Wairau Estuary meanders from Milford town centre to Milford Beach. It is an important natural feature that could be fully embraced. Co-operation between local boards can help address the problems from upstream sources in the wider Wairau Valley catchment. The estuary can also be improved aesthetically and provide a unique walking experience connecting the town centre and the coast and as a destination in its own right. Enhancing character and connectivity through the Milford area will improve accessibility, present tourism opportunities, and highlight Milford's natural values. For example, the estuary could eventually become part of the Te Araroa walkway experience.

### Outcome objectives

- Enhance the ecology, storm water quality and biodiversity of Wairau Estuary, which will help strengthen local character, amenity and general wellbeing.
- Promote Milford Estuary as a local and visitor destination and walking route, and promote stronger connections with the town centre, Milford Marina and Milford Beach.



*Promoting local and visitor enjoyment with information and events*



### Key:

#### Proposed short term actions

- Restoration programme/ stormwater management
- Vegetation maintenance
- Pedestrian crossing points
- Pedestrian/cycle bridge

#### Proposed medium to long term actions

- Possible future boardwalk
- Community reserve plan
- Pedestrian connectivity/improvements





Artist's visualisation of Wairau Estuary improvements (note the above design is subject to further design and stakeholder engagement and may comprise alternative options) ASAPimageNZ



Milford Marina



## PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR OUTCOME 4 (refer figure 11)

Action no.	Map ref.	Proposed short term actions (0-5 years)	Lead agency
1.		<b>Restoration programme</b> Develop a joint community, local businesses, and Auckland Council ecological restoration programme for Wairau Estuary, along with associated landscaping improvements and on-going education.	LB/AC community
2.		<b>Vegetation maintenance</b> Undertake any necessary maintenance work to existing vegetation along Omana Road, to lift the tree canopies and improve pedestrian safety and visual connectivity.	AC/AT
3.		<b>Pedestrian crossing points</b> Investigate opportunities for safer pedestrian crossing points on Inga Road and Omana Road.	AT
4.		<b>Pedestrian connectivity – Seaview Road to Commodore Parry Road</b> Investigate opportunities to enable safe access from the Seaview Road to Commodore Parry walkway to the proposed Wairau Estuary pedestrian and cycle bridge, such as with a pedestrian crossing on Beach Road.	AT
5.		<b>Stormwater management</b> Work with landowners to establish where practicable low impact design responses to stormwater management as development takes place, reducing the impacts on Wairau Estuary (ongoing).	AC
6.		<b>Pedestrian and cycle bridge – Wairau Estuary</b> Construct the proposed new Wairau Estuary pedestrian and cycle bridge towards the northern end of the estuary, as per Outcome 1 Action 6.	LB

Action no.	Map ref.	Proposed medium to long term actions (6-30 years)	Lead agency
7.		<b>Pedestrian connectivity – Inga Road to pedestrian bridge</b> Investigate pedestrian improvements along Inga Road adjacent to Milford Marina and connecting with the proposed pedestrian bridge.	AT
8.		<b>Improved connections – Kitchener Road, Milford Plaza and Omana Road</b> In collaboration with adjoining landowners, investigate the provision of improved connections leading from Kitchener Road and the Milford Plaza down to Omana Road and the proposed boardwalk.	AC
9.		<b>Pedestrian improvements – Omana, Inga and Ihumata Roads</b> Investigate pedestrian improvements to Omana Road where it intersects with Inga and Ihumata Roads.	AT

NB Implementation of actions is subject to funding availability and priorities



Action no.	Map ref.	Proposed medium to long term actions (6-30 years)	Lead agency
10.		<b>New footpaths – western side of Omana Road</b> Investigate improved footpaths along the western side of Omana Road, north of Inga Road.	AT
11.		<b>Community reserve plan – Bryan Byrnes Reserve</b> In liaison with the community, prepare a comprehensive plan for Bryan Byrnes Reserve addressing safety, ecological restoration, and active and passive recreation opportunities, including youth activities.	AC
12.		<b>Boardwalk – Omana Road to Inga Road</b> Investigate the feasibility of a boardwalk from Omana Road to Inga Road, including a pedestrian access point, viewing platform and associated information at the southern edge of Wairau Estuary.	AC

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## 7.5 OUTCOME 5: TELL THE LOCAL STORIES AND CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE

The heritage of Milford is important, both in terms of the geological and natural history and the human story of settlement. While it is appreciated by those who are aware of it, it is often unseen and little recognised beyond the immediate community. There is a desire in the community and beyond to express and celebrate this heritage and preserve the memories that belong here.

Local identity needs to be dynamic and embrace cultural changes. This can be supported by a clear understanding of the past and shared values of the local environment.

Some of these common values are: a strong identification with the sea and its delights and an appreciation of the estuary and Lake Pupuke, as well as the stories of past times, from pre-European times, through the heyday of Milford as a holiday destination in the early 20th century when it was a popular sea side village served by a steam tram, to the attractive town centre, marina and beach life of today.

Some of these ideas, such as a dedicated transport service around the lake may one day have their time again and develop into a local attraction with historic resonance. In the meantime, with local and iwi involvement in the following projects, the area can begin to reflect the stories and celebrate its "village" friendliness and shared enjoyment of its environment.

### Outcome objectives

- Promote the kaitiaki or guardianship of all residents and the iwi associated with this area for the natural and cultural heritage of Milford.
- Record and educate ourselves on local heritage.
- Promote the understanding of environmental restoration and low impact design in a local context.



Pirate Market Day, Milford

“ They used to swap back to lake water at times but when you ran the bath there were little wriggly things in it. ”

“ Mum used to make peppermint tea from wild peppermint growing by the lake. ”

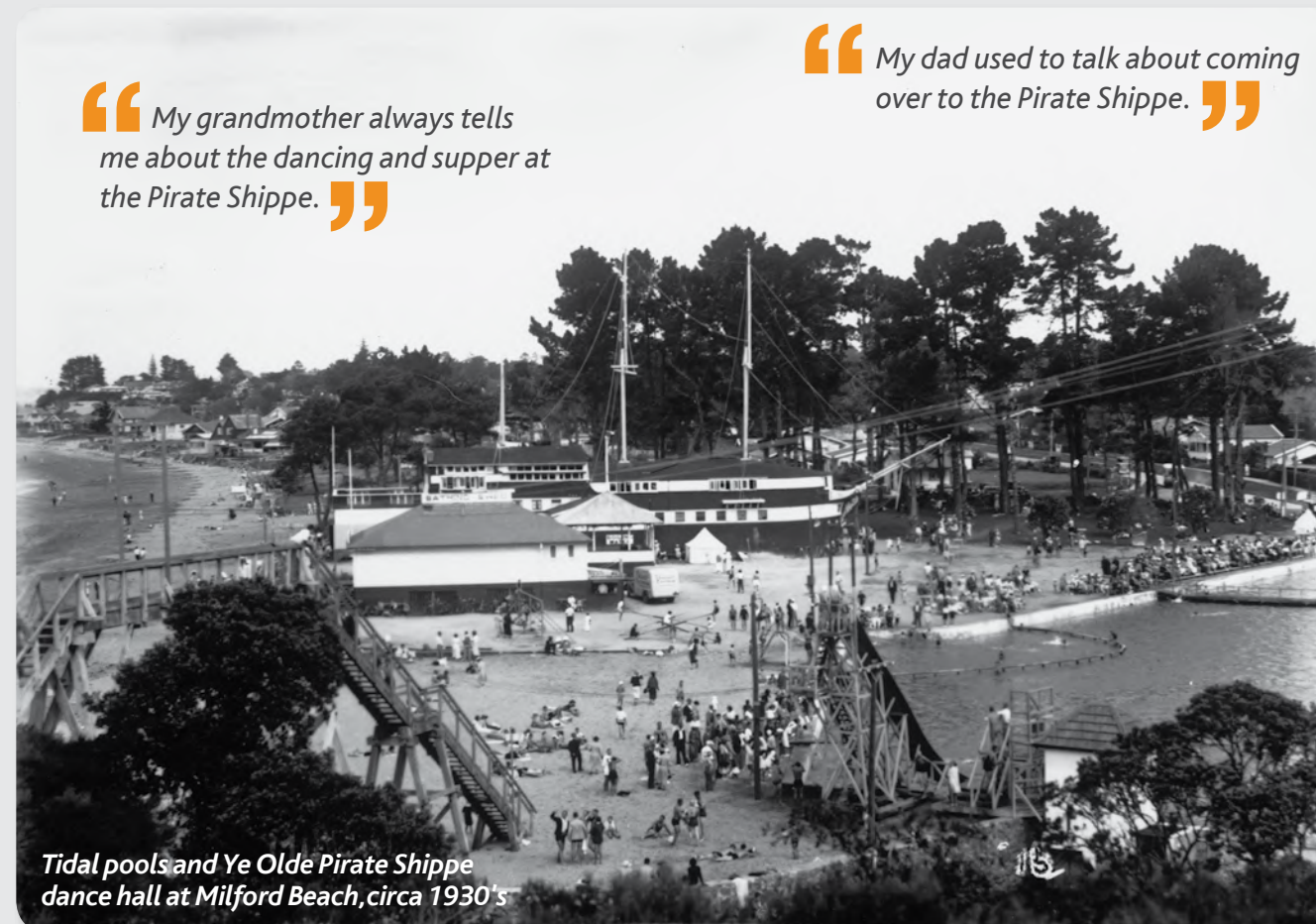


“ There was a great dane dog that used to sit outside the ice cream shop and lick the top off your ice cream if you didn't watch out! ”



“ My grandmother always tells me about the dancing and supper at the Pirate Shippe. ”

“ My dad used to talk about coming over to the Pirate Shippe. ”



Tidal pools and Ye Olde Pirate Shippe dance hall at Milford Beach, circa 1930's



## PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR OUTCOME 5

Action no. and map ref.	Proposed short term actions (0-5 years)	Lead agency
1.	<b>The Milford Palette</b> Advocate for a consistent Milford-specific palette of landscape elements and treatment (planting, street furniture, lighting rubbish bins and cycle racks) based on a comprehensive assessment of the wider Milford pedestrian network and considering both the identity and character project in Action 9 and input from mana whenua.	LB/MBA
2.	<b>Māori identity</b> Investigate and implement opportunities to celebrate Māori identity including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>renaming/dual naming opportunities</li> <li>cultural heritage trails</li> <li>art and public realm projects gateways and events</li> <li>wayfinding opportunities in parks and reserves and walkways.</li> </ul>	LB/AC
3.	<b>Consistent wayfinding</b> In consultation with Auckland Transport, provide wayfinding elements along the length of the Milford Road to Dodson Avenue corridor and across the area designed to create a consistent memorable identity.	AT/LB
4.	<b>Iwi narratives</b> Continue to develop relationships with iwi and seek opportunities for iwi to tell their stories, to inform projects, through supporting the production of appropriate cultural values assessments or similar processes.	LB
5.	<b>Community local environmental improvement projects</b> Foster opportunities for the local community and mana whenua to partner on local environmental improvement projects at Lake Pupuke and Wairau Estuary, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>riparian planting to assist stormwater management</li> <li>monitoring water quality</li> <li>other areas of interest to mana whenua.</li> </ul>	LB
6.	<b>Promote heritage and ecology walks</b> Promote the development of a leaflet (or downloadable information) which guides the walker around heritage and/or ecological sites of significance within the area following the Milford loop concept.	Community/ LB/AC
7.	<b>Events</b> Promote regular walking events along the Milford to Dodson Avenue corridor to raise awareness of the lake to beach link (as per Outcome 1, Action 1).	MBA/AC/ community
8.	<b>Identity and character project</b> Support local community initiatives to explore ways to express the identity of the area and promote the concept of local design guidelines, applying to the town centre, to the business community.	Community reps/LB/AC

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Action no. and map ref.	Proposed medium to long term actions (6-30 years)	Lead agency
9.	<b>Milford's character and biodiversity</b> Advocate reflecting and strengthening Milford's character, and enhance local biodiversity, through appropriate landscaping, tree planting and materials. In particular in the Milford to Dodson corridor: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>towards the north, vegetation, materials of paving, drainage and street furniture along the corridor should reflect the coastal character of the environment</li> <li>towards the south, vegetation and materials of paving and street furniture along the corridor should reflect the lake character of the environment</li> <li>around the Milford town centre, landscaping, vegetation, materials of paving, drainage and street furniture along the corridor should reflect the urban nature of the town centre environment, while also referencing both the natural and cultural character of the environment</li> </ol> At Wairau Estuary, landscaping, vegetation, materials of paving, drainage and street furniture should reflect the estuarine environment, referencing both the natural and cultural character of the environment.	LB
10.	<b>Events at the Wairau</b> Support a programme of community activities involving Wairau Estuary, initially to promote its cultural, environmental and recreational values, and later to support any restoration initiatives consistent with this plan.	AC/LB
11.	<b>Lake restoration</b> Support a programme of regular community activities involving Lake Pupuke; for example, education, planting and weed management.	AC/LB

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Promote heritage and ecology walks and walking events



Example of a palette of materials plants and street furniture



# 8 IMPLEMENTATON

The Milford Centre Plan identifies proposed actions to assist with achieving the vision and five outcomes of the plan. The actions are intended to be progressed through a range of stakeholders and processes as outlined below. These actions can move from being aspirational to being funded and delivered, where funding has not already been allocated. This will involve partnership with key stakeholders, including the local board, community and key landowners within the centre. The local board considers it important to continue to work in collaboration with community partners in all significant local board led projects.

### Role of the local board

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will play a key role in realising the future vision for Milford town centre, as depicted in this plan. This role may take many forms from direct investment in public works to advocating for positive changes. Supported by the council, the local board will also liaise with the community and key landowners to advocate for public and private initiatives that assist to achieve the outcomes and actions identified in the centre plan.

### Funding implications

The Long-term Plan (LTP) is the council’s main budgetary tool, which combines all the council and council-controlled organisation (CCO) funding across Auckland over a ten year period. Some of the actions are already budgeted for in the LTP. Actions that need new funding will require advocacy to become new LTP initiatives. It is important to note that the availability of funding from the council for proposed projects is not guaranteed. Funding and prioritisation will be determined as part of the LTP and Annual Plan process. This centre plan can be used as a tool to assist in decision making on funding priorities. The LTP is under review for the 2015-2025 periods and is subject to potential reprioritisation. Because of this, the funding opportunities for a number of the actions identified in this plan will need to be carefully considered.

### Actions and timeframes

Some actions within this plan are already underway. New projects and initiatives are also identified, and shown as short, or medium to long

term actions. The timeframes aim to prioritise actions that will help achieve the desired outcomes for Milford, while being mindful of likely resource requirements. Notably, some actions are tied to development of private land, where there is an expectation by the community on landowners to help realise the outcomes. The timeframes identified by this plan are indicative only and subject to agreements on funding.

### Monitoring and review

The Milford Centre Plan is intended to be a living document responsive to changes. Similarly, flexibility is needed because some actions require further work such as additional consultation, feasibility testing, detailed design, and/or funding. The council and Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will undertake reviews of the Milford Centre Plan every three years in line with the local board plan and the LTP processes. Keeping the centre plan 'live' and up to date will help achieve the outcomes desired by the stakeholders.



# NOTES

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

It looks like a difficult plan but responsible decisions without going overboard on expenditure.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

It makes sense and will allow us to fund the activities. Plus every other city in the world does it.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Our rates are so high. We and other families won't be able to pay much more so at some stage they will need to be capped. It is helping seeing the council cutting back on things and saving some money.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Not overly specific. Would like to see the detail. Our area doesn't get much love from the council. And when they sell off our parking and build a below average town square you have to ask why. I attended the consultation and everything was disregarded. We end up with a ugly square that no one really uses.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Community events

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Believe it sets the right balance between infrastructure resilience, amenities for rate payers and future proofing

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

We desperately need to attract more events into the city and if that facilitates this, I am all for it

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Support

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Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I am in support of all except for getting rid of Takapuna Golf Course for water wetlands...feel there is a way to get both here

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Very important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Very important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Very important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Very important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Very important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Very important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Very important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Very important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Less important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Fairly important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Less important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Less important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

As well as a ratepayer, I am a football player and junior football coach for the Northern Rovers football club. I would like to point out the following issues and recommendations with respect to the current football facilities: \* The Northern Region Football Facility Plan (2025) shows there is a shortfall in the floodlit sports field network equivalent to 28 artificial turfs to meet CURRENT (not future) football demand across Auckland. \* The NRF Facility Plan (2025) shows there is a shortfall in the floodlit sports field network equivalent to 2 floodlit artificial turfs to meet CURRENT (not future) football demand in the Kaipatiki Local Board. \* Northern Rovers FC's playing membership has grown from 900 (2008) to 1,450 (2024), with a 40% increase in our Junior & Youth playing membership over the last 5 years. \* Northern Rovers FC is classed in the top 20 largest football clubs in New Zealand. \* Northern Rovers FC has a waiting list of players in many junior and First Kicks grades as it does not have sufficient sports field capacity to meet community demand. Meaning our Tamariki are missing out on opportunities to play and connect. \* Many teams are unable to train and play pre-season games in March due to Council renovation windows (meaning fields are closed), which increases the likelihood of early season injury. \* The volume of demand on McFetridge Park and Becroft Park is increasingly leading to mid-season sports field closures, with no alternative venues available to transfer programs. Grass is a living asset and will die if not appropriately maintained. Council staff have accepted its current facility maintenance contracts do

not deliver optimum outcomes, but these cannot be changed until 2027. \* There is potential to fund an artificial turf through a combination of funding from the Sport & Recreation Facility Investment Fund (regional council funding), local board opex (perhaps in the form of a grant), Schools/MOE, the Birkenhead Licensing Trust and other community funders and community fundraising. We would like to see: \* The lighting of field 1 McFetridge Park as a quick win. \* Development of two artificial turfs at McFetridge Park, ideally in partnership with a school to maximise use of this valuable community asset and to share development, maintenance and future replacement costs. This approach will ensure the natural beauty of McFetridge Park is maintained for all the community to enjoy, and with the turf being based at a neutral venue, means it can be easily shared with other clubs and codes. Thank you Serge Dukic .

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

### **Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?**

**Tell us why**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

#### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

##### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Leave Takapuna Golf course ALONE!!!

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Sports and park activation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Yes - Leave Takapuna Golf course ALONE!!!



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

With limited funds without increasing the rates dramatically I feel the Council is doing a relatively good job.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

The bed levy is fair because the people who are paying it get the advantage of having paying guests, who come directly because of the Council's events which all rate payers are paying for.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

I think they do a brilliant job meeting the requirements of their community and I would like them to receive a larger budget, rather than cutting back on services to the community.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The Stadium was built by the local people to enhance the area and have entertainment and vibrancy.

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

As above, the stadium was built by the people for the people. Of course we need a plan and committee to go forward making this an exciting venue for sport and other enterprises, this of course will need funding, and it will enhance and bring in revenue to Albany and local areas.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

There is not enough spending planned for sports fields in the Kaipātiki Local Board, especially for football, which is a very fast-growing sport here. We need more artificial turfs as the council do not keep up with maintenance on the existing grass fields.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki

## Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

We need more funding for artificial sports fields for football.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Less important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Fairly important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Fairly important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Fairly important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Fairly important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

More equitable distribution

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Use of rubbish tags should not have been abolished as it encourages more waste production and penalises people who have minimal waste production. Very unfair.

## **Question 4:**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

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Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Strongly support initiatives that support our environmental outcomes and arts and culture

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Grants

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Support most

### Tell us why

The priorities are generally ok

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Will discourage many visitors. No more taxes over and above our exorbitant rates thanks.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No bed tax.

### **Question 4:**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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I don't know

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Local arts and culture activities,Community events,Local water quality activities

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Fairly important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Fairly important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Fairly important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Fairly important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Fairly important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

I don't know

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important



**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

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Support all

### Tell us why

Daughter is a junior development player at Northern Rovers and we can see ourselves that there are insufficient playing fields for training and matches. Often the girls juniors development teams are practicing and playing on Sunnynook park which in very bad shape. Sometimes they get access to Greville Reserve which is a great facility but very overused.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Seems sensible

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

The trouble with charging for rubbish collections on rates is that there is no incentive for people to minimise their waste.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna, Kaipātiki

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Fairly important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Fairly important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Fairly important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Fairly important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Very important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Very important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Fairly important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Tell us why**

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### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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#### Tell us why

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Support most

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Its a fair tax.

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Support

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It should be the same system throughout Auckland. Stickers are a nuisance.

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

In my opinion the Takapuna community hub that is in place is sufficient. The carpark has been transformed, the childrens park on Takapuna Beach improved, and there is plenty of seating around. There is also plenty of parking. Cleanup, planting and supporting our community facilities are all very important to me.

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Support

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#### Tell us why

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Pleased to see that rates won't rise by as much as projected, but still too high. I want more investment in cycling infrastructure.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

it's a good way to have visitors pay for the services they use

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Need better plastic recycling that is easier to understand

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

The Takapuna golf course should stay. with 200,000 visitors a year, it must be one of the most used golf courses in the world.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The Takapuna course should stay. I understand the need for flood management but alternatives must be available.. I think green space protection is critical for tech board

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Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Less important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Less important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Less important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Less important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Less important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Less important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Focus on core council responsibilities, not social engineering projects. The mobile Pump Track is ridiculous. The one constructed at Waterview was squashed to fit the site without the amplitude of the waves adjusted, subsequently it is unrideable and has caused multiple injuries. No one ever uses it and it's a monument to Councils lack of responsibility regards an abject failure, I hope the designer and project manager lost their jobs!

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

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**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

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Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Very important

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Community events

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Support

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Will discourage the tourists we are trying to attract

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Support more prioritised funding for local community activities including arts, public spaces and maintaining local board funding for these activities.

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Support

**Tell us why**

This is the norm in a number of international cities and a fair way for visitors to contribute to events and facilities that they enjoy during their stay.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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For areas experiencing growth a portion of rates should be targeted to improving services and infrastructure in those areas.

## Question 4:

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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Support all

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Ongoing work towards improving the pest control and biodiversity in all remaining green spaces (including public reserves) is very important. Auckland needs to adapt and be more resilient to climate change weather events and secure local food supply. More use of reserves for growing food should be encouraged. The arts and community services are the web that connects our communities. Those connections and enrichments are important in times of change and uncertainty.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Youth activities

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Keen to find ways to fund cultural activities

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Devonport-Takapuna



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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

I don't know

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Local arts facilities, and I'm thinking about the Depot in Devonport in particular, are so important to me.

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Support all

### Tell us why

Better public transport access.

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Support

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None

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Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

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Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

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Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Very important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Very important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Fairly important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Fairly important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Very important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Very important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Infrastructure maintenance is extremely important to us all, it has to be paid for so rates and an increase in water makes sense.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Not sure about this one, I think it could be a negative for tourists.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No comment on this one, I am not sure if it is a good move or not.

## Question 4:

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Support all

#### Tell us why

Makes sense to me. We need to fix the flood risks, improve community facilities etc.

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Very important

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Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

For me, the priority is supporting the flood areas and improving water quality.

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

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No, I am happy with the council plan.





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Council need to cut down on waste in particular Auckland Transports waste of funds with unnecessary road cones e.t.c. Council rate increases should be closer to inflation.

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**Tell us why**

You pay for events then tax the people coming - one hand gives the other takes. Need to review if this funding actually does provide return on investment often.

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Support

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Need to stop using ratepayers to fund unnecessary gold plated projects.

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Support most

#### **Tell us why**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Very important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Very important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Fairly important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Less important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Less important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Fairly important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

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Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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I don't know

### Tell us why

Haven't seen it.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It raises money, lika and airport tax or a carpark.

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Do not support

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Most people in Franklin and Rodney don't generate rubbish, anyway, if they do, use bintags,

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Devonport-Takapuna



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#### **Tell us why**

Can't find the consultation document.

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Fairly important

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The Wairau catchment plan is doing OK. Our Ethnic communities are doing OK, don't need Council interference.

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Support all

### Tell us why

They're good goal and the kind of goals the Council should be focusing on.

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Support

#### **Tell us why**

Auckland gets a lot of visitors. These visitors can overwhelm services designed to accommodate permanent residents. A small tax to help improve services for all will benefit visitors and be a boon to locals who benefit from the improvements. These local taxes are very common in places with high visitor numbers.

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Support

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All are important for the betterment of community life. But I would highlight number 3 as my main priority. Nice parks are lovely but community centres, arts hubs and culturally focused facilities are crucially important.

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I generally like the thrust of the annual plan. I realize money is always tight and the council has to be economical with spending but over all I am in favor of the plan. It seems community focused for my area and I imagine it os the same for other districts too.



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Support most

### Tell us why

I'd like to see less support for sports fields and e supplier for art and culture.

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Support

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

#### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

##### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Very important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community climate action and sustainability activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

A more coordinated investment on assets such as sports fields, parks etc is needed. Having this spread across Local Boards results in disparities.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

I believe there is a specific need to increase the amount of sports fields and improve their quality. Greville Reserve has been a massive success, and with so much local in-fill housing, we need to provide much more space like this for kids to participate in sport. Our football club Northern Rovers FC does not have enough space for all the kids wanting to play, and often kids are unable to access their Becroft fields altogether because of sharing with competing sports codes and slow maintenance. This is sad when we cannot facilitate kids to be active. Also - the LB should advocate to reduce the level of intensification in the more suburban part of the area, and centre this to the main transport routes and town centres. The roads, schools and facilities are at capacity, and streets are full of parked cars. This does not support active modes with kids etc riding to school as it is unsafe given most pavements in the local area are not wide enough.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Very important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

All of them - These don't really feel like they are addressing the needs of this community.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

Fairly important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Less important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**



Less important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Very important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Fairly important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Fairly important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Very important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Fairly important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Point 5 - I feel there is a lack of investment in sports fields. Northern Rovers is one of the biggest football clubs and has growing numbers, yet cannot support the growth and keeping our children active. McFetridge should get lights on the number 1, and turf on field 2 and 3. Greville Reserve in Forrest Hill has been a massive success and is always being used (whether socially or via formal football games). Football is growing (see AFC success) and more turf fields are needed across the Shore. .

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

### **Tell us why**

I don't disagree with this proposal, but I think there is some reliance on these major events to support our economy. These events are one-off and I think attracting visitors long-term is important. For example, in Auckland CBD, there is a lot of development by the waterfront area. But going up Queen Street is visibly less attractive with empty shops, poorly maintained buildings, road works, crime, homelessness.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Regarding the Takapuna Community Hub, I think this plan could reduce important library space and resources, which will negatively affect people's access to information, heritage and collective memory. For example, I recently looked at local resources at the library and I found photos of people/friends from my childhood. There were also a lot of students and other people using the level 2 space to study. And this is right before closing time.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub

I don't know

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

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**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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Community events,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support all

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

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Fairly important

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Community development and support activities

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Other

### **Tell us why**

I would charge all visitors to New Zealand including Australians. I believe they make up the largest group so include them in a visitor levy which should help increase the overall tourism income. I think it would be easier to administer than a bed tax.

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Support

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Continue to support arts, library and environmental priorities.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

All important issues

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Most other cities do it

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Fairly important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

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Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

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Very important

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I don't know

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It's counter productive to fuelling the economy with visitors to the country

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays



## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We paid for it and now we would like to keep it. It provides for sporting events and other business functions. It could also be used in National disasters and is very safe and secure place for a group to collaborate if need be.

#### North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

It is important to the community and we paid for it and now we want to keep it.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

The focus is on many of the right things to keep maintaining water, sewerage, transport, some parks

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Support most of the plan but not funding racist projects, that is divisive to people. I don't support that.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Need to be very careful with funding cultural activities. Round the Bays is good as it targets all races and people, encouraging exercise

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Any project that favour race based targeted activity is detrimental to people. In addition, any funding for pride week or any projects which undermine family values should not proceed

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Fairly important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

6. I'm not in favour of the Takapuna Golf Course being reduced./abolished . It's a sporting. Venue and Council is encouraging sports but taking away sport. I don't get it and don't support this.

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Local parks strategy and planning,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

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I think it's important to support the main Council activities, rubbish, parks, sewerage, water maintaining. Not a new waterfront facility. Eden Park and North Shore Stadium can handle large events.



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### Tell us why

I am against a 5.8% rates rise for homeowners.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It's a necessary way to raise money to relieve the shortfall . I had thought though that there was money in the budget already for events .

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Support

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Very important

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Priority #3, is of the utmost importance. Community facilities are important for social cohesion , inclusiveness , education, exercise , leisure.etc. In Devonport we have the Depot Arts facility, the Devonport Community House, the public library , local reserve / parks / sports fields , and we need these to be maintained and improved for everyone's benefit in our community .

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities  
- opening hours and services, Grants

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Property tax increase

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Property taxes go up too often and too much

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Do not support

#### **Tell us why**

Considering overnight fees may reduce tourists' expectations of Auckland city tourism. The \$7 million gap is not much, and a small number of AT plans to build projects can be reconsidered. Reference AT removed the pedestrian crossing on Hayr Rd in Three Kings and built a new one, the total cost was \$600,000

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Can't you do anything else besides collecting more money?

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Reduce waste and charge less

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Just collecting money?

### **Question 4:**

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Except for collecting money

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**Tell us why**

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### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

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If you throw more garbage, you will be charged more, and if you throw less garbage, you will be charged less. As a result, you will be charged the same fee whether you throw garbage or not. This is very unreasonable. Is it to encourage people to throw more garbage?

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### Tell us why

The local taxes are too expensive, the water bills are too expensive, and it is unreasonable to include garbage in the local taxes.

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Support

**Tell us why**

none

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The garbage management plan is unreasonable, which is very unreasonable for families with small amounts of garbage disposal and the price is expensive

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

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none



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Organisation (if applicable): Greater Bay Sports Association

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Kaipātiki



## Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries**

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**



**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Tell us here**

Dear Auckland Council and Kaipātiki Local Board, We are a grassroots football group that has been running weekly community football games across Auckland for over two years. Our players include new immigrants, working adults, and those not in football clubs—people who simply love the game and want a place to play. We now have hundreds of regular supporters, but one of our biggest challenges is getting access to suitable fields and time slots. We've followed the standard Council process to apply for artificial turf fields, but often find it difficult to secure bookings—especially during evening hours when our players are available. We fully understand that Council-managed facilities face high demand, and we truly respect the system. But we hope there can be more recognition and support for grassroots community football groups like ours, especially as we continue to grow and serve more people across the East, Central, West, and North Auckland areas. We're also incredibly proud that New Zealand has once again qualified for the FIFA World Cup. This milestone reminds us that the development of football doesn't just happen at the top—it starts from the bottom up, by building strong, inclusive community foundations. That's exactly where we come in. Our group provides access and opportunity for those who are often left out of traditional systems. Clubs may not always have the time or resources to organize grassroots sessions, but we do. We don't compete with clubs—we complement them, by bringing football to new communities, bridging gaps, and encouraging a love for the game across all backgrounds. Recently, we've also noticed local clubs such as Northern Rovers FC raising valid concerns about field shortages. While we support their message, we also hope that non-club community groups like ours can receive appropriate support as well. We are also open to working with Council or NRF to explore becoming a registered club, if that will help us gain more consistent access to facilities. Our goal is simply to ensure more people can play, participate, and feel a part of the football community. We respectfully ask for: 1. More access to artificial turf fields, especially after 8 PM when we are available. 2. Clearer and fairer booking processes for non-club community groups. 3. Support in registering with NRF or other ways to help us gain stable facility access. To help illustrate our work, we've attached photos and videos from our events. You can also learn

more about us at: <https://nzgreaterbaysports.weebly.com/> We would love a chance to connect with the Council and explore how we can work together to support grassroots football in Auckland.  
Sincerely, \*\*\* Greater Bay Sports Association



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Support Most

### Tell us why

I think we shouldn't just only do cultural events. More non cultural events should be done

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

Well I do support having more money for events but idk if we should be increasing tax for it

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Community based things r the most important

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Support

**Tell us why**

Because people should be able to stay the night

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Very important

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Less important

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Community climate action and sustainability activities;Community programmes and services;Local parks strategy and planning

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No comment



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support Most

### Tell us why

I think that the proposed annual plan rate is good because the investment in maori incomes because most of the maori people are struggling with the stereotypes.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

I dont know if im gonna suport a side in this because I want the city to be more fun 🎉 but tax is really high.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do Not Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I do not suport the wastemanagement because I dont really care about the envirimnt (no affence ) its not really a big thing in new zealand in my oppion. I think that there should be more bins if the counsil wants to stop the wastemanagement or maybe advise the people instead of going quietly and doing basilcy nothing.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

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Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I honestly think that these ideas are less important than the big idea of light pollution, I think that this idea is way more important because if the light pollution is getting to over hand then the people won't be able to sleep and they won't know what day is what and night.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities ;Sports and park activation activities;Local water quality activities

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I think that the council should not worry about the economic state of the world right now and leave it to be. that's my opinion.



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Support All

### Tell us why

because all of these like are super helpful to the whole community especially water and food quality

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

because this will make tourists less interested in coming to auckland

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Support

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I think the rubbish bin tag one will save kiwis a lot of money

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

i support the public park one becaude i notice a lot of rubbish when i go to these places

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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### Tell us why

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I just support

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Youth activities

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Support All

### Tell us why

I would say I support pretty much all, because the plan is what I think will help develop the community to be more sustainable and youth-friendly. It is addressing the wants of the people, and helping to achieve important goals such as protecting our native forests. Everything is relevant and has a purpose.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I think that this should not be implemented, or at least to not such a high tax rate. Especially as we are in a time where Auckland's financials are perhaps not at their best, I think that it would be wrong to tax even more. Whilst taxes can be beneficial, I think in this situation its best not to implement such an action.

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Do Not Support

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I think that the waste management proposal of increasing rates by 3.3% should not be implemented. This is because people are often fed up with rubbish collection in general and they will continue to be upset should more of their rates go towards this. Often, at my house, the rubbish truck doesn't even come down my street to collect our garbage. If more money was spent on rubbish bin collections, when it doesn't even occur down my street, I would be upset.



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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I honestly feel that all of the above are very important and will benefit the community. In particular, I hope the council keeps public facilities in good condition. I use the public libraries very often, and I think that they are such a wonderful space for the public to use. For example, I also swim at the Glenfield pool every week, so maintenance of this is very important to me.

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Youth activities;Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services;Community climate action and sustainability activities

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I sincerely hope that the Council will put more of an effort into not overspending on projects. Four stairs in Milford which cost \$270,000? I was shocked. More must be done to regulate spending so tax payer money is not wasted.



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Support Most

### Tell us why

idk

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because supporting is good

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Support

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not nice to leave rubbish

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supporting parks for dogs

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Support all

### Tell us why

This Annual Plan is important to me and my community because it directly affects how resources are allocated across essential services such as transport, water infrastructure, and community funding. With my accounting background, I value transparent budgeting and responsible debt management, especially when public funds and ratepayer contributions are involved. While the

proposed 5.8% rates increase may be necessary to support key projects, it's crucial that the impact on low-income households, renters, and community facilities is carefully considered. Ensuring fair investment and inclusive financial planning will help build a more resilient and equitable Auckland for everyone.

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Support

### **Tell us why**

What matters most to me is ensuring that the funding model for events is both fair and sustainable. Major events bring significant economic benefits to Auckland by boosting tourism and supporting local businesses. From an accounting perspective, the proposed short-stay accommodation levy is a reasonable approach, as it helps allocate the cost burden to visitors who directly benefit from these events, rather than solely relying on ratepayers. It's important, however, to maintain transparency in how these funds are managed and to ensure that they are reinvested into community events and infrastructure that support long-term growth and cultural enrichment for both locals and tourists.

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Support



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Albert-Eden

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Devonport-Takapuna



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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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I believe the cost to promote and host events in Auckland should be paid for by the users of these events.

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I do not live in Franklin and Rodney, and do not know the situation of it, however , it might be more efficient for the entirety of auckland to use the same rubbish collection system.

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I'm not convinced the new non bin tag collection will some waste. Plese release figures to prove or disprove this after one year.

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I like that the council is being more proactive in overseeing any development. I would like more local input into TMA decision making. The lack of which has been causing local upset.



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### Tell us why

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Very important

**Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay**

Fairly important

**Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre**

Very important

**Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes**

Fairly important

**Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan**

Fairly important

**Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.**

### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Community lunch operates every second Wednesday of the month. We use the hall from 5:30am until around 2:30pm and require full use of the kitchen facilities and hall area during this time. We also use the side office to set up our take-away meals (50 provided to locals) and dessert table (which is provided by the community) We have over 80 people who attend our lunches and they have become a very important connection for a lot of our community. We store all of our equipment at the hall and use the stage during our xmas breast cancer fundraising events. The community lunch is exactly what it states; a lunch for and with the community.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**