



Annual Plan 2025/2026

Written Feedback

Late Feedback Volume #1

April 2025



From: [REDACTED]
To: [AKHaveYourSay](#)
Subject: Rubbish and food scraps removal rates are unfair!
Date: Monday, 7 April 2025 2:46:52 pm

Dear Mayor Brown

I wish to tell you how disappointed I am about the unfair new rates, after doing everything to help with making our nature better and following the Council's lead (*ref Waste Nothing*).

You may wonder what this means... Well, let me tell you what I did, and why I am so upset about the rates for rubbish and food scraps removal.

1. I use my Bokashi bin (**previously provided and encouraged by your own Council**) to compost my veges, and dig it into my garden.

Result: I do not have to put out the little food scraps bin, and my soil is getting better every day, and my veges, the soil creatures and nature like it too.

2. I am a single woman, living in a smallish unit, and I recycle (**as instructed by your own Council?**) all the recyclables from my household that are allowed.

Result: Single persons have way less recycling, so I only put out my recycling bin once in three months.

3. As a single person, all I have to put in my 40 litre wheelie bin are the plastics, a few other items and previously recyclables that are now not being recycled any more.

Result: I push out my rubbish bin once in two months, costing me about \$3.50 per 2 months, coming to \$1.75 per month. **The total cost over 12 months would come to \$21.00 before the rate hikes the Council now proposes.**

Reaction: How is it fair to now charge me \$145 per year, while I followed your lead and now I get punished as (a) a single person (b) a Gold card holder (c) as a single income person who at 70 is still working to pay off my home loan.

MY SUGGESTION:

Give single households a much lower rate, if you have to let them pay for anything. What happens to our Rates & Taxes anyway?

OR

You can give single persons a no-charge rate, or at least a huge subsidy. **\$21 versus \$145** is a huge amount!

This is the reality that single persons and Gold Card holders in NZ have to face, and we are being ignored and extra costs just added to our bills.

If you have any decency and sympathy for single, working, older than 70 year

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persons to survive in the current economic climate, then something needs to be done to correct this imbalance.

I hope to hear from Mayor Brown soon.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [AKHaveYourSay](#)
Subject: Question about the Annual Plan 2025/2026
Date: Monday, 7 April 2025 2:51:40 pm

We as Rate payers Homeowners pay more money, For the continuous housing been built over Auckland why the need to increase Rates when there is more house builds. Bin tags are taken away,we have no options,tags give people options if you have rubbish you buy a tag ,now we have to pay more money every year and no insensitives nothing given back to Homeowners Landlords.Landlords put up rent to cover themselves so people can't pay their rent.Money money that's Auckland Council looks for. You suck

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [AKHaveYourSay](#)
Subject: Question about the Annual Plan 2025/2026
Date: Thursday, 3 April 2025 7:37:33 pm

Please concentrate on upgrading your roading network and stop building bike lanes and raised pedestrian crossings

Regards

[REDACTED]



AUCKLAND COUNCIL
10 APR 2025
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Feedback must be received by **11.59PM 28 March**.

Please read the consultation document, available at akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan or at any library or Auckland Council service location, before answering any of the following questions.

It has more information about the issues and choices that we want your feedback on.

Your feedback will be included in public documents. No personal details will be made available to the public.

First name: [Redacted]

Last name: [Redacted]

Email or postal address: [Redacted]

Your suburb (where you live): *Beachlands*

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➤ Franklin Local Board feedback

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.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

	Very important	Fairly important	Less important	I don't know
1. Delivery of Auckland Council Community Hub Services (library, arts, and customer services) in Beachlands and Clevedon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Very important	Fairly important	Less important	I don't know
4. Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Very concerned about the future of the library
I realise the building we have would need to be enlarged but though I don't want us to lose the position of the library as it is a lovely situation that myself my children + now my granddaughter have been visiting for the last 35 years I see the possibility of the whole hall as a library updated etc but I think we very much need both venues for an area that's growing so fast. The growth of this area needs more options not less and I think this needs to be discussed in much more ~~detail~~ detail. We don't need a quick fix we need to keep the soul of the community

From: [Redacted]
To: [AKHaveYourSay](#)
Subject: Question about the Annual Plan 2025/2026
Date: Monday, 7 April 2025 12:02:46 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hi folks,

As a manufacturer of New Zealand grown ingredients into NZ made food products we use a lot of expensive power. In our food category (sauces and pickles), 90% of the products on shelf in supermarkets and on menus in restaurants are produced overseas – by a foreign workforce with the help of affordable power.

We are one of the few in the industry that is manufacturing in NZ using a local Auckland workforce – using products grown in NZ and harvested by kiwis. Power pricing makes this extremely expensive to manufacture and as seen with a largely shutting down NZ production industry – very difficult to compete.

Power/electricity is the only input we buy that gets more expensive when you purchase more! When we scaled up our production into Mt Roskill last year we began paying a whole bunch of fixed fees each month just to have a connection (as well as the more familiar and variable based on usage “energy charges” like you would pay at home).

CURRENT ACCOUNT DETAILS (SINCE LAST READING) - For the period 01 Mar 25 to 31 Mar 25

Charge type	Energy Charges	Distribution and Transmission charges
Energy Charge	\$1,747.75	
EA Levy	\$11.46	
Metering Fee	\$155.00	
Line Charge		\$1,262.35
Subtotals	\$1,914.21	\$1,262.35
Total net current charges		\$3,176.56

The line charge and metering fee which totals close to half of our monthly expense is where I see the biggest issue for power cost. They are fixed charges that we get each month regardless of power usage – mostly for the privilege of being able to receive power. It breaks down as follows:

Line Charges

Fixed				
	Days	Quantity	Price (\$/Day)	Charge
Daily Network Charge	31	1.000	\$3.9300	\$121.83
Capacity				
	Days	Units kVA	Price (c/kVA/Day)	Charge
Network Connection Capacity	31	207.000	5.6800	\$364.49
Variable				
		Metered kWh	Price (c/kWh)	Charge
Network Charge Distribution		8,970.020	1.2900	\$115.71
Transmission Charge		8,970.020	2.2300	\$200.03
				\$315.74
Demand				
	Days	Units kVA	Price (c/kVA/Day)	Charge
Network Demand Charge Daily	31	83.887	13.2100	\$343.52
Power Factor				
	Days	Metered kvar	Price (c/kvar/Day)	Charge
	31	12.913	29.1700	\$116.77
Total Line Charge				\$1,262.35

I think this is more than just an Auckland issue but clearly a national production issue (as we watch value-add producers and local employers close across the country). However, Auckland has more to lose from Manufacturers closing as the biggest manufacturing region in the country so I think this is something that should be driven by Auckland council to remedy.

Help save manufacturing in Auckland and NZ! Power should be more affordable for industry than households...its non sensical.

Cheers,

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