



# Annual Plan 2025/2026

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Local Board: Regional Organisation

## Your feedback

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Need to start somewhere oppose to reinventing the wheel, do better with what works!

### 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**

There should be a toll from Mercer, Tuakau and Mangatangi Pokeno! To help pay these costs.

## **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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Need to look into alternative ways of discarding rubbish! Look at Singapore more cost effective if we start now!

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Franklin, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura





## 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?

**Support all**

**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**

Very important

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

Very 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**

Very 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.**

Very important

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

## Henderson-Massey 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?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

**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?**

Support most

**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**

Very important

**Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

Fairly important

**More support to volunteer networks**

Very important

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

Very 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)**

Local arts and culture activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers, and pest control activities, Grants

**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?**

Yes

**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?**

Support most

**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**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very 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**

Very 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**

Fairly important

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

Very 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**

Fairly important

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

Very 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**

Dogs should be trained and on leads.

## **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?**

Support most

**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**

Very important

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

Very important

**Delivering on increased local economic outcomes**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**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)

Yes

**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?**

Traffic is always congested!

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

Community development and support activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers, and pest control activities, Grants

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

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities – opening hours and services

**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?**

Support most

**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**

Less important

**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**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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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**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**

## **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**

Increase maintenance of grasses and pathways!

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Support most

### Tell us why

Outcomes for Māori engagement from the Rodney Local Board with mana whenua is clear in the LTP 2024-2034 i.e. Kia ora Tāmaki Makaurau framework along with some examples of what this may look like (pg 164). However meaningful engagement with Rodney Local Board (RLB) with Te



Uri o Hau is still unresolved after the loss of whenua in Te Arai. Overall, we support the proposed annual plan and seeking a better connection with RLB on aligned aspirations.

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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

We recognise the impact of tourism. We support the funding of maintenance of public spaces, reducing litter, and improving amenities with this levy. We have concerns around the financial burden to whānau who live outside of the Tāmaki boundaries that need to come into Tāmaki for one night only.

## 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?**

Rodney

**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?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

We are supportive on the environmental outcomes. We would like to understand the Rodney Greenways Plans as it only relates to the West Coast. We would like to understand more about the reserves plans. Lastly we support promoting waste reduction and seek investment in a Recycling Centre in the Rodney district.

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**

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.**

Very important

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

I don't know

**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)**

Pest and Predator control is a key outcome to save our biodiversity. Water Resilience and Climate change responses is a priority to our people

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

Support all

### Tell us why

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei supports the general direction of the annual plan. We broadly support increased funding of destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland, and as tangata whenua of central Auckland we would look for further opportunities to partner with Council and others on these activities. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei broadly supports increased funding

and decision-making for local boards. Decisions made by local boards should be with engagement and consultation with the appropriate mana whenua for their area, iwi or hapū who can prove long-standing and irrevocable ties to a rohe - and not with all who claim 'mana whenua' status.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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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?**

Ōrākei

**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?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei supports the Ōrākei Local Board's plan, particularly the increase in funding for local ecological restoration, and animal and plant pest control, including on our whenua. As tangata whenua of the Ōrākei area and its surrounds, we look forward to a continued close working relationship with the Board.

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**

Very important

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

Very important

**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**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**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?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Ngāti Whātuā Ōrākei supports measures that will improve water quality in Te Waitematā and particularly Ōkahu Bay. Ngāti Whātuā Ōrākei notes that any removal and relocation of sand should be with the explicit engagement and approval of affected and relevant iwi.

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**Tell us here**

Regarding the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan: We are concerned with the present and growing fire risk on our maunga and volcanic cones managed by the TMA. We believe the risk to human life and property is now too great with the uncontrolled exotic grasses becoming a major fuel source. We have raised these issues directly with the TMA to no avail. We believe a targeted grazing program with the correct number of animals of the right size, at the right times of the year, to reduce the fuel load whilst minimising archaeological damage, is achievable.

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**Tell us here**

Tēnā koe,

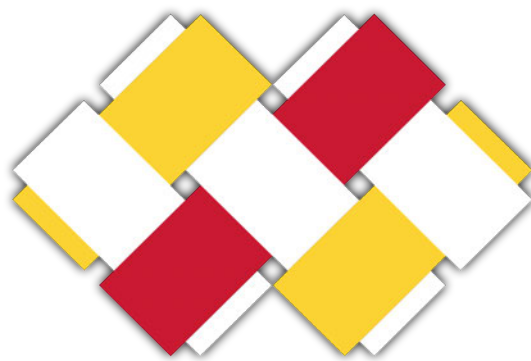
We have uploaded our submission as a separate document. Please see attached.

Nā,

Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Tāmaki Makaurau

Submission to Auckland Council on the:

Annual Plan 2025/2026



**Te Ohu  
Whakawhanaunga  
Tāmaki Makaurau**

Submitted by Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga  
Tāmaki Makaurau

28 March 2025

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## 1. Who we are

- 1.1. Te Ohu Tāmaki is a collection of over 40 community, faith, and union civil society organisations who have formed a Community Alliance in Auckland. Our alliance is committed to the issues of poverty, inequality, and other challenges to wellbeing in Tāmaki Makaurau. We are organising our communities to make Auckland a place where families and children flourish. We are committed to whakamana te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- 1.2. The housing catastrophe in Auckland is one of our first issues of focus. Our member organisations are united in their support for the initiatives listed below.
- 1.3. We stand in solidarity with all those who are suffering through the housing crisis in Tāmaki Makaurau and we are committed to working for positive, lasting change.
- 1.4. When it comes to fixing our housing catastrophe, we support paying more, getting more. As we have outlined in our previous submission on the Long Term Plan, our submission supports what Auckland Council is already proposing but we are calling for the council to build on that work immediately and we offer up the following solutions.



## 2. Our Asks for the Annual Plan 2025/2026

2.1. For a detailed explanation of our asks, see page 4.

2.1.1. Through our continued community organising efforts, we have engaged continuously with various levels of Auckland Council leadership and staff to get implementation on housing policies. We ask that Council does the following:

- a. Auckland Council's Community Committee commits to taking action to ensure the progressive realisation of the Right to a Decent Home.
- b. Auckland Council resource a Right to a Decent Home officer that sits within the Policy Team to monitor all homelessness and housing activity, with the aim of acting as a reporting mechanism and accountability measure.
- c. Continue to encourage the use of Auckland Council resources for public advocacy in Central Government issues.<sup>1</sup>

2.1.2. We ask for the opportunity to make an oral submission for the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026.



<sup>1</sup> See, for e.g., the recent letter from the Auckland Council Community Committee to the Minister of Social Development and Minister of Housing, <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/544267/auckland-homelessness-spike-prompts-please-help-letter>

### 3. Detailed explanation of our Asks

3.1. Below is a detailed explanation of each of our asks, including some examples of how different asks could be implemented.

#### 3.2. a. What is the Right to a Decent Home?

3.2.1. Everybody in Aotearoa New Zealand has the Right to a Decent Home. A “Decent Home” is defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission through seven decency principles. A decent home is:

- **Affordable.**
  - Our homes should cost no more than 30% of a household's income.<sup>2</sup>
- **Habitable.**
  - Meaning it is healthy and doesn't make you sick!
- **Accessible** for everyone.
  - This includes, but is not limited to, people with mobility issues have access to a home.
- **Secure** in tenure.
  - If you can be kicked out of your rental at any time, or interest rates changes can easily tip you over the edge, you are not in a secure home.
- In an appropriate **Location**.
  - Our homes should have access to social facilities such as supermarkets, transport routes, schools, employment, healthcare, and marae.
- Having access to **Core Services**.
  - Power, water, other vital infrastructure.
- **Culturally Adequate.**
  - Cultures and communities of multi-generational families deserve a home too.

The Right also includes:

- **Active Participation**
  - “Our coordination group” gives life to this.
- Informed Policymaking

In Aotearoa New Zealand, the Right to a Decent Home must also be grounded in te Tiriti o Waitangi.

#### 3.3. b. What is a Right to a Decent Home Officer?

3.3.1. A Right to a Decent Home Officer would sit within the Policy Team at Auckland Council. The purpose of their role is to act as a reporting mechanism on issues of

<sup>2</sup> <https://tikatangata.org.nz/cms/assets/Uploads/Measuring-Progress-Indicators-Decent-Home/Affordability-full-commentary-right-to-a-decent-home.pdf>

housing and homelessness within the city, as well as an accountability measure internally within Council as well as engagement with various stakeholders around the city.

- 3.3.2. In the spirit of **active participation**, it is vital that this officer engage with communities and civil society when it comes to housing. As an alliance representing over 40 community and civil society organisations comprising countless Aucklanders, we are well placed to engage with the officer.

**3.4. c. What is public advocacy?**

- 3.4.1. We at Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Tāmaki Makaurau applaud the recent open letter by the Community Committee (chaired by Cr Angela Dalton) to the Minister for Social Development Louise Upston and Minister of Housing Chris Bishop, regarding the issue of homelessness in our city.
- 3.4.2. It is our ask that the Community Committee, Councillors, and Council as a whole continue to advocate with our communities by putting pressure on Central Government to act. Housing is one of the greatest challenges facing our city at this time and we must continue to advocate for our communities on this issue.

## **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1. Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Tāmaki Makaurau calls on Auckland Council, as our elected representatives, to demonstrate vision and leadership, and work to do the following:
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  - b) Council to resource a Right to a Decent Home Officer.
  - c) Council to continue utilising resources to advocate for Central Government reform.

We ask to make an oral submission on Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Regional Organisation

## Your feedback

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The annual plan focuses on getting on with strengthening the financial and physical resilience of Auckland, while investing where it is needed most to manage growth. In 2025/2026, that includes prioritising investment in:

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- and fairer funding for local communities

It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

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

Support most

### Tell us why

The Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust:

- Urges the Council to implement its strategic direction for the Manukau Harbour. The aim should be to catalyse the shifts advocated by the Manukau Harbour Forum and ensure that Auckland

Council's planning, environment and parks committee's intentions flow through to action. Now that the strategic direction has been agreed to, it's appropriate that funding be allocated to the joint work programme and to support partnering with Ngāti Tamaoho in the delivery of that joint work programme.

- Urge the Council to regenerate Manurewa and Ōtāhuhu. They are the hubs of the south, and well-connected with social and transport infrastructure, but have been left behind. Many of our whānau live in these areas and would likely be positively and disproportionately impacted by this. It would be appropriate to, at least, investigating the merits (through funding a business case) of this initiative, in 2025-26.

- Building on last year's success, seeks more funding to increase the number and visibility of Matariki events. It would be opportune to also enable community groups who provide environmental restoration and youth activities to leverage this funding, with a view to those initiatives promoting Matariki-related outcomes, given the anticipated defunding of these initiatives by local boards across South Auckland.

- Increased investment for Māori outcomes, particularly through the Marae Infrastructure Programme. The programme's priorities no longer reflect the risks that are most pressing for marae, including sea level rise, which is set to disproportionately impact our marae. Whātāpaka is currently the only Tamaoho marae eligible for funding and is likely to be more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. More investment may support infrastructure necessary for marae-driven and led transition.

## **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**

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### 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?

Franklin, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura

## 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?

**Support most**

**Tell us why**

The Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust:

- Acknowledges the board's success in securing fairer funding.
- Acknowledges the board's support of the regeneration of Pukekohe Town Centre.
- Urges the board to maintain the current momentum of the Franklin Ngahere Plan's implementation, and use the additional funding to partner with Ngāti Tamaoho to ensure Ngāti Tamaoho's identity and history are visible in those public spaces.
- Urges the board to partner with Ngāti Tamaoho in the design and development of the Franklin Paths Programme initiatives.

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**

Very 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.**

Very important

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

## **Henderson-Massey 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?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

**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?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust:

- Acknowledges the board's leadership with Sustainability in Schools.
- Acknowledges investment to engage local iwi and Māori groups to plan initiatives with a te ao Māori focus.
- Urges the board to partner with Ngāti Tamaoho to ensure Ngāti Tamaoho's identity and history are visible in public spaces, including in Massey Park and the Ōtāhuhu War Memorial.
- Urges the board to leave dog-roaming surveillance to the governing body.
- Urges the board to leave anti-social behaviour to Police and Kāinga Ora.
- Urges the board to prioritise funding for pools and leisure facilities, environmental restoration, and youth activities.
- Supports disestablishment of the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District programme and associated BID targeted rate, and urge the board include MEVBA engaging with Ngāti Tamaoho as a condition for re-establishment.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

**Explore a site for a recycling centre**

Less important

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

Fairly important

**Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

Fairly important

**More support to volunteer networks**

Fairly important

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

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 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 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?**

Yes

**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?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust:

- Supports boosting amount of funding available for community grants.
- Supports expanding the number of funded initiatives that respond to the needs and aspirations of children and young people.
- Supports the board in implementing fenced dog exercise areas, with priority given to areas anticipated for higher density housing and Kāinga Ora housing (i.e. where they are likely to have dogs and no private open space).
- Urges the board to leave anti-social behaviour to Police and Kāinga Ora.
- Urges the board to partner with Ngāti Tamaoho to ensure Ngāti Tamaoho's identity and history are visible in public spaces, including in Tōtara Park and the Auckland Botanic Gardens.

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**

Less important

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

Fairly 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**

Very important

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

Very 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**

Very 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**

Very important

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

Very 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**

Very important

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

Very 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?**

Yes

**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?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Tamaoho Settlement Trust:

- Acknowledges the board's focus on increasing the local ngahere.
- Supports ensuring Māori culture and the values of mātauranga Māori are visible in public spaces, including the Manukau Sports Bowl, through programmes such as Te Ketekete Rukuruku. Also support prioritising planning for delivery of facilities at the Manukau Sports Bowl.
- Supports supporting local environment groups to work collaboratively with community volunteers in efforts to clean, manage and plant local reserves and open spaces.

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**

Very important

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

Very important

**Delivering on increased local economic outcomes**

Very important



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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**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)

Yes

**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)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers, and pest control activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

**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?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The Tamaoho Settlement Trust:

- Acknowledges the board for its work with Papakura Marae in relation to Te Koiwi Reserve.
- Urges the board to advocate for access to legacy parking fund for public transport projects.
- Urges the board to prioritise funding for pools and leisure facilities, environmental restoration, and youth activities.

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**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**

Fairly important

**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**

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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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**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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See Attached

Summary of Attachment:

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Genuine Partnership: Move beyond consultation to genuine partnership with enhanced iwi involvement in decision-making.

Ngā Mātārae: Expand its capacity to support mana whenua and Māori communities.

#### Environmental Stewardship and Restoration

Environmental Initiatives: Support pest control, water quality improvements, and iwi-led restoration initiatives.

Mātauranga Māori: Embed Māori principles in environmental strategies.

#### Honouring Cultural Heritage and Māori Identity

Te Kete Rukuruku: Accelerate the restoration of traditional place names.

Cultural Investment: Increase investment in indigenous arts, marae development, and cultural festivals.

#### Economic Empowerment for Māori

Procurement Policies: Prioritize Māori businesses in Council's economic strategy.

Cultural Tourism: Develop a strategy to promote Māori heritage sites and sustainable opportunities.

#### Housing and Urban Development for Whānau

Papakāinga Support: Continue and increase funding for Māori-led housing developments.

Māori Housing Strategy: Co-develop a dedicated strategy for meaningful outcomes.

#### Strengthening Partnership Proposals

Iwi Representation: Embed iwi voices within Council committees and planning groups.

Co-Governance: Extend models to include more whenua and water resources.

Cultural Competency Training: Mandatory training for Council staff and officials.

#### Conclusion

Collaborative Relationship: Commitment to a future-focused relationship recognizing historical connections and shared responsibilities.

**Te Patukirikiri Submission on Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026****Tēnā koutou e te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau,**

Te Patukirikiri acknowledges the opportunity to contribute to the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026. As tangata whenua with deep and ancient ancestral ties to Tāmaki Makaurau, we embrace our role as kaitiaki, ensuring that the whenua, moana, and communities we cherish are protected and nurtured for future generations.

Our submission reflects our aspirations, concerns, and recommendations, centred on ensuring a stronger partnership between Council and its successor/s and iwi that uphold the principles and the Iwi intentions of Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840.

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**Our Priorities and Aspirations****Strengthening Iwi-Council Partnerships**

While we acknowledge the commitments made towards Māori outcomes, we urge the Council to move beyond consultation and towards genuine partnership. We seek enhanced iwi and mana whenua involvement at every level of decision-making, particularly within local boards and key infrastructure projects.

Ngā Mātārae plays a crucial role in supporting mana whenua and Māori communities, and we propose expanding its capacity to ensure greater responsiveness to iwi priorities. Effective and transparent collaboration must be a core foundation of Council's approach to decision-making.

**Environmental Stewardship and Restoration**

Our whakapapa is intrinsically linked to our natural environment, and we strongly support initiatives that prioritize environmental and cultural protection. We commend the focus on pest control and water quality improvements and advocate for increased investment in co-designed, iwi-led restoration initiatives.

We encourage the Council to embed mātauranga Māori principles more deeply within environmental strategies, recognizing the holistic approaches that iwi has upheld for centuries. Further resourcing should be dedicated to stream restoration, biodiversity conservation, and marine protection, with meaningful iwi participation at the forefront.

**Honouring Cultural Heritage and Māori Identity**

Te reo Māori, tikanga, and our stories are integral to the identity of Tāmaki Makaurau. We acknowledge the ongoing support for the Te Kete Rukuruku initiative and advocate for additional investment to accelerate the restoration of traditional place names across the region.

Beyond place names, we urge the Council to amplify investment in indigenous arts, marae development, and cultural festivals, ensuring that our rich heritage is celebrated and sustained for generations to come.

## **Economic Empowerment for Māori**

The economic prosperity of Tāmaki Makaurau must be inclusive of Māori enterprises, social enterprises, and iwi-led tourism. We call for stronger procurement policies that actively prioritize Māori businesses, ensuring that the Council’s economic strategy reflects genuine supplier diversity.

Additionally, we support the development of a robust cultural tourism strategy that safeguards and promotes significant Māori heritage sites while fostering sustainable opportunities for whānau and hapori.

## **Housing and Urban Development for Whānau**

Access to safe, warm, and culturally appropriate housing remains a pressing issue for many of our whānau. While we acknowledge existing support for papakāinga and Māori-led housing developments, we urge continued and increased funding to ensure these projects thrive. The co-development of a dedicated Māori housing strategy must remain a priority to guarantee meaningful outcomes for our people.

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## **Strengthening the Partnership Between Te Patukirikiri and Auckland Council**

To solidify a future of shared success, we propose the following:

- **Formalized Iwi Representation:** Embed iwi voices within Council committees, local boards, and key planning groups to ensure meaningful participation in decision-making.
- **Expanded Co-Governance Arrangements:** Extend co-governance models beyond maunga and harbours to include additional whenua and water resources.
- **Mandatory Cultural Competency Training:** Require all Council staff and elected officials to undertake Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori training, fostering greater understanding and respect for our role as mana whenua.

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## **Conclusion**

Te Patukirikiri stands committed to a collaborative and future-focused relationship with Auckland Council—one that recognizes the depth of our historical connection to Tāmaki Makaurau and our shared responsibility to uphold its prosperity. We welcome ongoing discussions to refine and implement these proposals in a way that benefits all Aucklanders, now and in the years to come.

**Nāku noa, nā**

[Redacted Signature]

Chairman  
Te Patukirikiri Iwi Trust

[Redacted Name]



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Organisation (if applicable): Rainbow Youth

Local Board: Regional Organisation

## Your feedback

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- and fairer funding for local communities

It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

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

Support all

### Tell us why

See attached:

- Noted: Concerns regards safety for LGBGT community in public transport and spaces

- Noted: Concerns for our youth and LGBT community – high statistics on lack of housing and unemployment – help needed
- Noted: Supports grants for civic engagement and education – to increase participation in elections and council engagement
- Noted: Events – more needed – inclusive events
- Noted: Community hubs and spaces (libraries) seen as safe spaces for our community
- Noted: Increase Māori Wardens in key transport areas to increase safety.

#### Grant funding

We need to expand on community outreach to support participation among our community.

Our youth are disproportionately impacted by rising costs of living and are likely to have housing and employment issues.

Fund targeted programmes for increasing civic engagement for LGBT communities.

#### Transport

Exclusionary policies – Resent survey 59% of our Māori trans/ Takatapui feel unsafe on public transport.

Advocate to waka Kotahi for well-funded transport initiatives.

Prioritize transport programmes.

#### Events

Prioritize year-round community events

#### Community Hubs and facilities

Staff our community hubs so our youth have safe places to be in

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

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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**

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**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.*

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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**Tell us here**

# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #3 Rainbow Youth

## Feedback from Māori entities

**Representative:** [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

**Identify:** Mataawaka

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## Overall direction for Annual Budget

### Rainbow Youth

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	<b>Support all</b> “Our recent grant shows council’s support and commitment to uplift our community”
<b>Environment - Sustainability</b>	No comment
<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<b>Support</b> “Prioritize year-round community events”
<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	No comment
<b>Rates and Charges</b>	No comment
<b>Transport</b>	<b>Support</b>  “Advocate to waka Kotahi for well-funded transport initiatives.”.

**What else is important to you?**

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Representative - [REDACTED] – mihi

I am co-chair of rainbow youth – and only one voice in our community.

One voice not representative of our whole community – we will do better next year.

Our recent grant shows council's support and commitment to uplift our community .

There are real and harmful effects on our community such as the recent attack on our library event by Destiny Church.

Regarding civic engagement only 35.4% voted – before we move to including democratically elected CCOs we need a clear civic engagement plan ahead of elections.

Voters under 35 had the lowest turnout.

Future leaders (youth) miss out on decisions that affect their lives.

Disengagement is rooted in historic erasure and a lack of trust in government and local authorities

We need bold examples of local government that represent our voices.

Representation of voices – one organisation cannot represent the whole community

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**Cr Richard Hills** -Q: – appreciate the work you have done for Rainbow youth – Funding – we do support proud centres and events – Why is it so important to fund events for groups like yours?

**Caitlin Prince** – Described what we see is representation and experience of white and hetero normative relationships – less celebration of diverse identifies. We need safe spaces to increase our own engagement and stay safe and well – proud centres are amazing – need year-round support

and activate change even in our suburbs – need places like more K road – proud spaces everywhere.

**Cr Richard Hills** – Q – Te Atatu event (\*Destiny Church interruption of library programme) – Mayor and other spoke out against it – what is importance of us speaking out?

**Caitlin Prince** – When we experience hate there is fear in the community. Some don't want to go to celebratory events – some need counselling support and are terrified to leave the house.

**CR Angela Dalton** Q: This governing body would look very different if we had under 35s at the table – how do we lift that? – Public Transport – do you know of international examples of how to increase safety? Do you have examples where it is done well?

**Caitlin Prince** – – Having Māori Wardens in key transport zones can really help to confirm sense of safety – Improve security of bus shelters and connected ness of public transport – would like to see what works here more.

**Cr Julie Fairey** - Homelessness – interested in link between exclusion/ /discrimination that leads to homelessness.

**Caitlin Prince** – We have a Homeless connector. Common issue of our community being kicked out of home. Notes increasing youth homelessness – there is increasing risk factors leading to insecure housing – initiatives that work well - the full impact not realised due to budget cuts – longer terms previously funded – people now asked to reply.

**Cr Julie Fairey** Statement: Programmes focussed on family harm victims – Are they covered? Govt (family harm) quite narrow in scope – people with disabilities also at risk – huge intersection those that are systemically oppressed – definition of family harm does it extend to those five years later. (Implied – Govt definition of circumstance of harm is longer term than the provide care).

**Cr Greg Sayers**– Rainbow youth under 14 - homeless situation what support exists for them – Govt services are mostly for the older individuals?

**Caitlin Prince** – A lot of our programmes for older people – growing population – we have one kaimahi managing housing – other services work collaboratively together.

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### Tell us why

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#### Planning and Paying for Growth:

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# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #10 Ngati Tamatera

## Feedback from Māori entities

**Representative:** [REDACTED]

**Identify: Mana whenua**

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[REDACTED] provided opening mihi.

[REDACTED] Chair of meeting AC

15 Minute time allocation

- **Noted:**
- **Noted:**
- **Noted:**
- **Noted:**
- **Noted:**

## Overall direction for Annual Budget

Ngati Tamatera

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	
<b>Environment - Sustainability</b>	<p><b>Generally, support with conditions</b></p> <p>Ensure that local boards collaborate with iwi on environmental projects, recognising kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of the land and waterways.</p>
<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>We do support the levy however understand the complexities around legislation and urge the council to work closely with iwi to implement shared event outcomes.</p>
<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	<p><b>Generally, support with conditions</b></p> <p>Collaboration with Local Boards is essential to ensure that iwi values are embedded in local projects and that funding is allocated to support Māori cultural and environmental aspirations.</p>

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<b>Transport</b>	<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>We encourage safety in transport – utilise Māori wardens</p> <p>Cheaper fares for frequent users</p>

## What else is important to you?

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**Rihari Nahi:** mihi to Michelle.

Ngāti Tamaterā Tiriti Settlement Trust – context –our interest in Hauraki and Tamaki regions – we engage with six territorial authorities.

2023 census our Iwi grew to 4053 members – 55% under 30 – 66% living in Tamaki and Waikato regions.

### **Ngāti Tamaterā Priority areas**

Co design with whanau what matters to them regarding their oranga priority areas.

Work with a partnership approach with council

- Oranga Ōhanga - Healthy and thriving economy
- Oranga Whare – Housing, home ownership and affordable papakāinga opportunities
- Oranga Taiao – Thriving environments in balance guided by mātauranga Māori
- Oranga Whānau - Healthy and thriving whānau - collective wellbeing
- Oranga Rangatahi – Supporting rangatahi potential
- Oranga Mātauranga - Educational wellbeing

### **Rangatahi investment**

Oranga Rangatahi – succession planning important to our Iwi with 30% under 30 years of age – We will build our rangatahi capability using Māori knowledge and education.

Māori cultural values in major urban design Implications for manawhenua.

### **Transport**

We encourage safety in transport – utilise Māori wardens

Cheaper fares for frequent users

### **Bed night levy**

in support of 27\$ million events and cultural events.

Local Boards – receiving 84 M for projects and priorities – each LB will prioritise – Iwi can significantly influence local and regional projects – priorities advocating for priority projects in environmental protection

Collaboration essential and Iwi values are embedded.

Support fairer funding model – shared values and vision we want to work with them.

Welcome decision making closer to our communities.

Whanau must be more resilient – keen to partner within hazard zone areas – welcome real partnership in these areas.

Māori Outcome fund review – late consultation – we must have direct input into this funding support aligns with our priorities – no decisions about us without us.

## **Presentation content with detailed responses**

### **CCO Reform**

**Impact:** Reforms to Auckland Transport, Eke Panuku, and other CCOs (excluding Watercare) can influence how infrastructure and development projects consider Māori outcomes.

**Mitigation:** We advocate iwi engagement in planning and co-governance of projects to ensure that Māori interests are prioritized in decision-making. Safety Issues are mitigated.

### **Funding Major Events and Tourism:**

**Impact:** The allocation of funds for events and visitor attractions can either benefit or overlook Māori businesses and cultural tourism opportunities.

**Mitigation:** Ensuring that mana whenua businesses and cultural initiatives are included in event planning and funding strategies, supporting iwi-driven cultural tourism ventures. We need to be at the table.

### **Planning and Paying for Growth:**

**Impact:** Rapid urban growth in Auckland can place pressure on land and resources that are culturally significant to iwi. Growth plans must consider Māori land rights, environmental concerns, and cultural preservation.

**Mitigation:** We strongly advocate for iwi involvement in growth strategies to protect wāhi tapu (sacred sites) and ensure sustainable development aligned with iwi Māori values.

### **Local Environmental Projects:**

**Impact:** Local projects related to environmental protection, such as waterway restoration and climate resilience initiatives, will directly affect iwi, particularly where natural resources and ecosystems are of cultural importance.

**Mitigation:** Ensure that local boards collaborate with iwi on environmental projects, recognising kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of the land and waterways.

### **Placemaking and Cultural Heritage:**

**Impact:** Local initiatives focused on placemaking, cultural heritage, and community development offer opportunities for iwi to assert their mana whenua status and enhance cultural visibility.

**Mitigation:** Iwi participation in co-designing placemaking projects, including the use of Māori art, names, and narratives in public spaces.

### **Local Board Agreement and Priorities:**

**Impact:** The Local Board Agreement sets the annual budget and work programme for local projects, which may include support for Māori cultural activities, grants for iwi projects, and partnerships.

- **Mitigation:** Work with Local Boards to align iwi priorities with local funding and ensure that iwi interests are included in the work programme for 2025/26.
- **Climate resilience**

- Auckland Council is continuing its *Making Space for Water* programme.
- **More investment in flood protection and climate adaption.**
- Funding constraints will impact how quickly these projects will roll out, and that is concerning, especially to our iwi and whānau most vulnerable.
- Climate change poses an immediate and long-term threat to our whenua, wai, and marae, disproportionately impacting Māori communities. Rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and ecosystem degradation threaten our way of life, cultural sites, and traditional food sources. **Iwi must be central in shaping adaptation strategies** that incorporate mātauranga Māori, strengthen climate resilience, and protect vulnerable whānau. Auckland Council's Annual Plan must prioritise **iwi-led climate solutions, nature-based infrastructure, and sustainable land management** to safeguard our hapori for future generations. Without urgent investment and partnership, the survival of our taonga and our people is at risk. **Adaptation is not a choice—it is a responsibility.**

### **Economic growth & Business support**

Advocating for iwi involvement in growth strategies to protect wāhi tapu (sacred sites) and ensure sustainable development aligned with Māori values.

### **Māori Outcome Fund Review**

We are committed to ensuring equitable outcomes for Māori across the city. Iwi must be actively involved in the **Auckland Council Māori Outcomes Fund Review** from ideation through to delivery, ensuring Māori-led decision-making at every stage. This includes co-designing the review framework, determining funding priorities, and shaping the application and allocation processes.





<b>Governance Reforms</b>	The proposal includes bringing urban regeneration and property management back under council control to enhance democratic accountability. <a href="http://auckland.scoop.co.nz">auckland.scoop.co.nz</a>	Centralising control may limit Ngāti Tamatera's direct influence over urban development projects within their rohe, potentially affecting their ability to exercise kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and participate in decision-making processes.	Oranga Ōhanga (Economic Well-being), Oranga Taiao (Environmental Well-being)
<b>Budget Allocations</b>	Adjustments in funding for community services, infrastructure, and cultural initiatives are proposed to address financial shortfalls. <a href="http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz">aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</a>	Potential reductions in funding for cultural and community services could impact Ngāti Tamatera's efforts in cultural preservation, education, and community development. Conversely, opportunities may arise to advocate for equitable resource distribution that supports iwi initiatives.	Oranga Whānau (Family Well-being), Oranga Mātauranga (Educational Well-being)
<b>Public Consultation Processes</b>	The proposal outlines a structured process for public consultation on the annual plan, inviting feedback from all stakeholders. <a href="http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz">aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</a>	This provides a platform for Ngāti Tamatera to voice our concerns and aspirations, ensuring that our perspectives are considered in council decisions. Active participation can lead to outcomes that reflect iwi values and needs.	Oranga Rangatahi (Youth Development), Oranga Whānau (Family Well-being)
<b>Infrastructure Development</b>	Plans for infrastructure projects, including transportation and housing, are highlighted to support urban growth. <a href="http://at.govt.nz">at.govt.nz</a>	Infrastructure developments within Ngāti Tamatera's rohe must consider the protection of culturally significant sites and environmental sustainability. Collaboration can ensure that projects align with iwi aspirations and do not compromise cultural heritage.	Oranga Whare (Housing Well-being), Oranga Taiao (Environmental Well-being)
<b>Environmental Sustainability Initiatives</b>	Emphasis on projects aimed at enhancing environmental resilience and sustainability.	Aligns with Ngāti Tamatera's role as kaitiaki, offering opportunities to engage in environmental restoration and protection projects that uphold iwi values and contribute to	Oranga Taiao (Environmental Well-being), Oranga Whānau (Family Well-being)

		the well-being of our whenua and moana.	
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## Impacts of the Annual Budget on Iwi at Regional and Local Levels

### Regional Impacts

At the regional level, the Annual Budget includes topics that affect Māori outcomes across Tāmaki Makaurau, with significant implications for mana whenua, including:

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## Local Impacts

At the local level, each Local Board will prioritise projects that directly impact their communities, with several key considerations for iwi:

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- **Impact:** Local initiatives focused on placemaking, cultural heritage, and community development offer opportunities for iwi to assert their mana whenua status and enhance cultural visibility.
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- **Impact:** The Local Board Agreement sets the annual budget and work programme for local projects, which may include support for Māori cultural activities, grants for iwi projects, and partnerships.
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- **Mitigation:** Collaborate with Local Boards to secure funding for Te Reo Māori programmes, Matariki celebrations, and other Māori-focused events.

### Summary of Key Impacts:

- Iwi can significantly influence both regional and local projects by engaging in the consultation process for the Annual Budget.
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- Collaboration with Local Boards is essential to ensure that iwi values are embedded in local projects and that funding is allocated to support Māori cultural and environmental aspirations.

By actively participating in the budget consultation and engagement processes, iwi can help shape outcomes that reflect our interests and priorities at both the regional and local levels.

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

Other

### Tell us why

See attached:

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Local Board increased decision-making power - TRNW supports this change – don't speak for LBs or manawhenua – support anything gives greater voice to manawhenua – partner with council to achieve their aspirations.

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Council controlled organisational changes – neutral stance on that - a lot of information missing from the plan – to inform our thinking.

Eke Panuku operational plan 2025-26 progressed with no involvement from Ngati Whatua – two reps on that body that have not attended or are unwilling to attend – no involvement in that. Unsure how we progress that issue.

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Group: #12 Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua

## Feedback from Māori entities

Representative: [REDACTED]

Identify: Mana whenua

*Notes from verbal presentation to Annual Budget discussion.*

[REDACTED] provided opening mihi.

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- **Noted:** We support Te Reo te Marae – re: urupa cemetery that is proposed in the Waimauku
- **Noted:** Concern over future water reforms and development - unaffordable.
- **Noted:** Request that Auckland Council speak to mana whenua of Ngāti Whātua when outside of the runanga's mandate (strategic planning etc).
- **Noted:** their withdrawal from the mana whenua forum.
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## Overall direction for Annual Budget

Runanga Ngati Whatua general

What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?	<b>Not Stated</b>
Environment - Sustainability	<b>Not Stated</b>
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<b>Transport</b>	<p><b>Not Stated</b></p>

## What else is important to you?

██████████: – Resource manager Runanga Ngati Whatua & Māori Ward counsellor Kaipara  
Kaipara won't have mandated representation for some time.

The Runanga keep our advocacy at the higher-level strategic planning levels.

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██████████ noted: – More research required.

RE Kaipara Moana remediation do you have oversight?

██████████: Te Runanga is signatory to Māori remediation – Matua Te Rangi – Clear alignment with resources with Auckland Council – relationship agreement signed last year – strategic priorities – point 4 – we seek NW better access services and infrastructure to ensure we prosper as people

Regards water reforms – if Kaipara goes alone – \$8,000 per ratepayer – less for you (Auckland) \$600 m investment in Kaipara – to align \$111 million – not a viable solution we can't practically borrow that level of funding – future of LG report is to develop unitary authorities – in future that ends up with Auckland and a Tai Tokerau Authority.

Sustainability of model into future – ministerial intervention required – we want to go with Auckland. Also , with my Māori Councillor potai – we can't afford the figures modelled.

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Support most

### Tell us why

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1. **Effective Collaboration:** Waikato-Tainui emphasizes the importance of effective collaboration with Auckland City Council for sustainable regional development, particularly in decision-making processes related to land use, infrastructure, and environmental management.
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3. **Māori-led Initiatives:** Recommends funding for Māori-led initiatives to safeguard kauri forests using traditional knowledge and practices.

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Summary of Attachment:

1. Memorandum of Understanding: Suggests reviewing the existing Memorandum of Understanding to ensure it aligns with the outcomes of the Annual Plan.

# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #11 Te Kotahi a Tamaki

## Feedback from Māori entities

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**Identify:** Mataawaka

*Notes from verbal presentation to Annual Budget discussion.*

[REDACTED] provided opening mihi.

[REDACTED] Chair of meeting AC

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- **Noted:** Transport retain and expand \$50 fare cap – improve bus and train routes to support Marae
- **Noted:** Secure long-term funding for Māori arts, culture, and major events.
- **Noted:** Increase funding for Māori-led community safety initiatives, including Māori Wardens and marae.
- **Noted:**
- **Noted:**

## Overall direction for Annual Budget

Te Kotahi a Tamaki

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	<b>Support most – with conditions</b>  Noted Whanau struggling with cost of living - higher rates impact affordability for Māori homeowners.  Marae and Māori organisation funding models are inequitable.
<b>Environment - Sustainability</b>	<b>Generally, support – not stated</b> Mataawaka Marae very much involved in environmental activity and sustainability
<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<b>Support</b> Can support Māori culture and events – lack of detail on benefits. Secure long-term funding for Māori arts, culture, and major events.
<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	<b>Supported</b> Increased Local Funding – More resources for marae-based initiatives, cultural events, and community projects. We want to feed into this process and work in partnership for the betterment of our marae and Hāpori.

<b>CO Reform</b>	<p><b>Not Stated</b></p> <p>Increase <b>Māori representation</b> on CCO boards to uphold Te Tiriti commitments.</p> <p>Māori business struggle to make inroads into economic support from these CCO's.</p> <p>Improve procurement process to create fair opportunities for Māori business.</p>
<b>Māori Outcomes Fund</b>	<p><b>Strongly Supported</b></p> <p>Strong investment in Māori led programmes – rangatahi programmes and cultural revitalisation</p>
<b>Rates and Charges – paying for growth</b>	<p><b>Not Stated concerned</b></p> <p>Consider a targeted rates relief or exemptions for marae and papakāinga housing. Commit to equitable funding for Māori-led community initiatives. Increase investment in local marae infrastructure through the Local Board Fairer Funding model.</p>
<b>Transport</b>	<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Retain and expand \$50 fare cap – improve bus and train routes to support Marae – prioritize conversations with Marae on transport planning.</p>

## What else is important to you?

Transcript – *Not a complete record of meeting.*

Te Kotahi a Tamaki is a Māori collective – manawhenua and mataawaka Marae – 34 Marae – across the region – we whakamana marae me whanau – all Marae flourish through collective support.

Across whole Auckland region – 26 % of Marae are mataawaka – 8% Taurahere kaupapa.

Common themes include sustainability and resilience.

Infrastructure and construction are a huge priority – during covid these marae supported communities when agencies closed down.

**Climate change** symposium – Marae at forefront of information flows – building a cohort of knowledge holders – whakapapa, hononga (connection).

**Public transport** – retain and expand \$50 fare cap – improve bus and train routes to support Marae – prioritize conversations with Marae on transport planning.

**Bed Tax** can support Māori culture and events – lack of detail on benefits.

**CCO Reform** - Māori governance input limited by current CCOs –

Māori business struggle to make inroads into economic support from these CCO's.

Improve procurement process to create fair opportunities for Māori business.

### **Economy – cost of living**

Whanau struggle with cost of living – funding models for

More investment in marae-based projects

### **Rangatahi**

Better (increase) investment in rangatahi and environmental projects – delivered by Marae.

More equitable access to Libraries etc in vulnerable areas.

Local Board Flexibility - Māori outcomes funding increased this uplift should support Marae and Māori led initiatives in social and marae projects – renovation and infrastructure costs.

### **Māori Outcomes**

Strong investment in Māori led programmes – rangatahi programmes and cultural revitalisation – want to be part of the review to ensure continuity of investment in marae –

Active involvement in elections and marae development.

Presentation and written submission provided.



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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. This response is made on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (**Waikato-Tainui**) in relation to the Auckland City Council Annual Plan 2025-2026.
2. Waikato-Tainui acknowledges Auckland Council's investment in infrastructure, transport, and environmental initiatives. However, we have serious concerns regarding the insufficient recognition and protection of waahi tapu, cultural narratives, and the broader impacts of urban development on our people and environment.
3. We urge Auckland Council to engage with Waikato-Tainui early and meaningfully to ensure projects align with our settlements, environmental values, and co-management commitments. The Council must embed Waikato-Tainui's cultural, environmental, and economic priorities into its planning frameworks, ensuring that iwi-led decision-making is upheld in land use, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability.
4. Our response outlines key recommendations to:
  - Strengthen the protection of waahi tapu and cultural heritage in urban planning and infrastructure projects.
  - Uphold Treaty-based co-governance frameworks and provide Waikato-Tainui with decision-making authority over projects impacting iwi assets.
  - Ensure infrastructure investment does not degrade the Waikato River, while adhering to Te Ture Whaimana.
  - Enhance economic opportunities for Maaori businesses and communities through targeted procurement policies.
5. Given that Auckland sources more than 50% of its water from the Waikato River and that many of our marae and whaanau reside within the city, our relationship with Auckland Council must be built on partnership and mutual respect. We call for a more collaborative and culturally responsive approach to regional development – one that acknowledges and protects our identity, whenua, and future generations.

6. Furthermore, Waikato-Tainui has made significant investments in Auckland, reinforcing our long-term commitment to the region's economic and commercial growth. Our iwi has developed key assets, including the Novotel Auckland Airport and Te Arikinui Pullman Auckland Airport Hotels, which enhance the city's tourism and business infrastructure while creating employment and economic opportunities for our people. As an iwi with a strong commercial focus, we welcome further investment opportunities that align with our values and contribute to sustainable and inclusive development. We encourage Auckland Council to engage with us in meaningful partnership to explore future collaborations in infrastructure, housing, commercial ventures, and environmental sustainability – ensuring a thriving future for both Waikato-Tainui and the wider Auckland community.
7. Waikato-Tainui wishes to be heard and wishes to make an oral submission in support of this written submission.

## **BACKGROUND TO WAIKATO-TAINUI**

8. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (**Waikato-Tainui**) is the governing body for the 33 hapuu and 68 marae of Waikato (see **Appendix A**) and manages the tribal assets for the benefit of over 97,000 registered tribal members. It is also:
  - a) the trustee of the Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust, the post-settlement governance entity for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Waikato Raupatu Lands Deed of Settlement 1995 and the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995;
  - b) the trustee of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust, the post-settlement governance entity for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Waikato-Tainui River Deed of Settlement 2009 and the Waikato Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010;
  - c) the mandated iwi organisation for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Maaori Fisheries Act 2004; and
  - d) the iwi aquaculture organisation for Waikato-Tainui for the purposes of the Maaori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.



9. This response is made on behalf of our 33 hapuu, 68 marae and more than 97,000 iwi members, with 30,600 of these members living within the Auckland Council boundaries.
10. In relation to our 68 marae, it should also be noted that there are a number of Waikato-Tainui Marae within the Auckland Council Boundaries including:
  - Makaurau Marae in Maangere
  - Te Puea Memorial Marae in Maangere
  - Puukaki Marae in Maangere
  - Ngaa Hau e Whaa Marae in Pukekohe
  - Rereteewhioi Marae in Waiuku
  - Taahunakaitoto Marae in Waiuku
  - Whaataapaka Marae in Karaka
  - Umupuia Marae in Clevedon
11. Waikato-Tainui marae are kaitiaki of our environment and regard the holistic integrated management of all elements of the environment (such as flora, fauna, land, air and water) with utmost importance.
12. Waikato-Tainui are tangata whenua and exercise mana whakahaere within our rohe (tribal region). Our tribal rohe is bounded by Taamaki Makaurau (Auckland) in the north and Te Rohe Potae (King Country) in the south and extends from the west coast to the mountain ranges of Hapuakohe and Kaimai in the east. Significant landmarks within the rohe of Waikato include the Waikato and Waipaa Rivers, the sacred mountains of Taupiri, Karioi, Pirongia and Maungatautari, and the West Coast Harbours of Whaaingarua (Raglan), Manukau, Aotea and Kawhia moana, the eastern areas of Tikapa Moana (Firth of Thames), and principally, New Zealand's longest river, Te Awa o Waikato.
13. We acknowledge and affirm the intrinsic relationship of Waikato-Tainui with our natural environment.
14. Waikato-Tainui entered into a Deed of Settlement regarding our Waikato River claim under Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 2008 ("2008 Settlement"). This was followed by the signing of a revised Deed in 2009 and ultimately, enactment of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 ("Settlement Act"). The settlement marked the genesis of the Crown's statutory recognition of Te Mana o te Awa and the establishment of a "co-

management” approach between Waikato-Tainui and the Crown regarding matters relating to the Waikato River. Under the Deed of Settlement, the ‘Waikato River’ is defined to include any lakes and wetlands within a certain marked area. Thus, the review of any wetlands provisions falls under the principles established in the Deed of Settlement.

## **WAIKATO-TAINUI OUTSTANDING AND REMAINING CLAIMS**

15. Waikato-Tainui have several unresolved outstanding (Wai 30) and remaining te Tiriti o Waitangi grievances that are currently being negotiated with the Crown under the Treaty settlement negotiations process. These include (but are not limited to) claims in relation to the West Coast Harbours (Kaawhia, Aotea, Whaaingarua and Manukau) and Taamaki Makaurau. These claims are comprehensive in nature and extend to matters concerning whenua, the takutai moana, the moana itself, social, cultural and economic issues.
16. Wai 30 is held by Te Whakakitenga o Waikato to be negotiated on behalf of all 33 hapuu of Waikato-Tainui. The Wai 30 claim is inclusive of those parts and interests included in the original Wai 30 claim filed in 1987, that were intentionally set aside to be addressed, negotiated and settled separately to the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement 1995 and the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement 2010. This settlement represents a key part of the Wai 30 claim and is a continuation of these previous settlements.
17. Waikato-Tainui considers that our area of interest for settlement purposes to the moana includes the area of foreshore and seabed in and adjacent to each harbour bounded on the landward side by the line of mean high-water springs and on the seaward side by the outer limits of the Exclusive Economic Zone, including the beds of any rivers, lagoons, lakes and other water bodies that are part of the coastal marine area (within the meaning of the Resource Management Act 1991), as well as:
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  - c) the marine and estuarine waters (including the waters of any rivers, lagoons, lakes or other water bodies);
  - d) the plants, animals and fish – flora and fauna;
  - e) the physical and metaphysical elements of the areas, waters, natural resources and geographic features;

- f) the land, waters, water bodies (including rivers, lakes, wetlands, swamps, estuaries, streams, tributaries, springs, artesian waterways, and other natural watercourses), geographic features, natural resources, plants, animals, and activities within the catchment of each harbour which directly or indirectly interconnect with or affect the harbour; and
  - g) all physical and biological processes (including sediment movement, waves, tides, currents, and activities) within or affecting the areas, waters, natural resources and geographic features.
18. The claims themselves and the approach to negotiations is underpinned by the principles of mana motuhake, mana whakahaere and te mana o te moana. These principles are reflected in a Takarangi Framework (see **Appendix B**) and aspire to achieve autonomy, decision making rights, and co-governance/co-management rights to ensure the health and wellbeing of the moana.
19. Redress mechanisms in this regard are still being developed and negotiated with the Crown. In absence of settlement protections for these remaining claims, Waikato-Tainui reserves the right to directly engage with the Crown and the Auckland City Council on these matters and secure appropriate and necessary protections. Additionally, Waikato-Tainui seeks that Auckland City Council engages with Waikato-Tainui on any matters that impact or effect anything listed at [12] within our area of interest.

## **WAIKATO-TAINUI POSITION**

20. Waikato-Tainui has a range of rights and interests including, but not limited to, those that arise from the following:
- a) The 1995 Waikato Raupatu Lands Settlement (and the Waikato Raupatu Settlement Act 1995);
  - b) The 2008 Deed of Settlement in relation to the Waikato River and Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010;
  - c) Tikanga and customary law; Common law (including the common law relating to aboriginal title and customary law);
  - d) Waikato-Tainui Accords and Joint Management Agreements; and
  - e) The Treaty of Waitangi and its principles.

21. Waikato-Tainui seeks to ensure that these rights and interests are recognised and protected with any policy development.
22. As part of the River Settlement signing in 2008, Waikato-Tainui also signed the Kiingitanga Accord. A cornerstone of this settlement is that both Waikato-Tainui and the Crown have committed to enter into an era of co-management in planning, policy development and decision making.
23. The intention of our settlement was to create a relationship where the Crown would respect and work with Waikato-Tainui in good faith, as a Treaty partner. As set out in the Kiingitanga Accord, this requires the Crown to engage with Waikato-Tainui at the earliest stage practicable when developing legislation or policies or making any decisions that affect or impact the Waikato River, its waters or management over its waters.
24. As noted above, the Kiingitanga Accord includes the principle of Te Mana o te Awa. The inclusion of this principle acknowledges that the Waikato River has its own mauri and is a single indivisible being. Moreover, it gives effect to the deep relationship between the Waikato River and the people of Waikato-Tainui.
25. This is reinforced through Te Ture Whaimana – The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River. This is the primary direction-setting document for the Waikato-River and any activities affecting the catchment. It prevails over any inconsistent national policy statements and national planning standards as set out under the River Settlement. Te Ture Whaimana clearly states its objectives relate to:
  - a) The restoration and protection of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River.
  - b) The recognition that the Waikato River is degraded and should not be required to absorb further degradation as a result of human activities.
  - c) The protection and enhancement of significant sites, fisheries, flora and fauna.
26. Although Waikato Tainui principally supports the annual plan's aim to better support communities, there are several points Waikato-Tainui wishes to raise regarding the Annual Plan 2025-2026.

**OVERARCHING COMMENTS**

27. Waikato-Tainui is cognisant of this coalition governments intention to utilise resources and to rapidly undertake development and infrastructure projects across the motu. However, the impact of this fast-tracked development will have a significant impact on te Taiao and as a result on the health and wellbeing our whaanau.
28. Waikato-Tainui therefore would like to reiterate the importance of direct and early engagement with and by Auckland City Council to ensure that any projects, policy or legislation proposed do not undermine the integrity and obligations provided for through the Waikato-Tainui Settlements.
29. Additionally, Waikato-Tainui would like to stress the importance of continued co-management with our marae and hapuu to ensure that equal and equitable opportunities and outcomes are achieved by both parties within this plan.
30. Waikato-Tainui acknowledges the significant investment proposed for transport, infrastructure, water quality, and environmental initiatives. However, we have several concerns regarding the potential impacts of these initiatives on iwi assets, resources, and customary rights, which will be addressed as follows.

**CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND RECOGNITION**

31. The Auckland Council's proposed Annual Plan 2025 – 2026 includes significant infrastructure development initiatives however, Waikato-Tainui has identified several key concerns regarding cultural heritage recognition. These are as follows:

*a) Insufficient recognition and protection of waahi tapu,*

The plan in its current form lacks clear commitment to protect waahi tapu and significant cultural sites, despite their importance to Waikato-Tainui. Infrastructure projects such as road, rail and housing development expansion may encroach on these sites if adequate consultation and investigation is not undertaken. To mitigate the impact of such development, Waikato-Tainui recommends that:

- i. The council integrates waahi tapu mapping and heritage site identification into assessment processes to protect these sites in all planning frameworks
- ii. Create a co-design landscape that fits the cultural narrative of place.

- iii. Stronger legal protections are developed to prevent unauthorised or unnecessary modifications near known sacred sites.
- iv. Consultation with iwi must be made mandatory before approving projects that could impact waahi tapu.

*b) Insufficient recognition and protection of Waikato-Tainui narratives in landscape restoration and urban planning.*

While the proposed Annual plan presents a vision for regional development, it lacks strong recognition and integration of cultural narratives that are fundamental to Waikato-Tainui identity and environmental values. Waikato-Tainui whakapapa ties us directly to the land, its moana, waterways and air. Restoring landscapes reconnect our marae and their whaanau with their ancestral whenua reinforcing a sense of belonging and responsibility.

Traditional place names often carry deep historical and ecological meanings that inform sustainable land use. Restoring these names is essential for revitalising the cultural landscape and preserving its original function.

The removal of Waikato via proclamation in 1863 from Taamaki, followed by the raupatu (confiscation) of over 1.2 million acres of Waikato-Tainui land caused severe ecological degradation and the loss of traditional stewardship over our whenua and wai. Restoring these landscapes is also about restoring justice, where returning natural resources to iwi control enables the re-establishment of traditional environmental management systems.

While the Auckland City Council Annual Plan references Maaori heritage and engagement, it does not adequately integrate Waikato-Tainui unique cultural narratives, histories and connection to places. The Auckland Unitary Plan acknowledges Maaori values but lacks specific provisions that ensure cultural narratives are protected and encouraged from urban expansion, road development, and infrastructure projects.

To remedy these omissions, Waikato-Tainui recommends that:

- i. Cultural narratives provided by Waikato-Tainui shape land-use decisions, ensuring that ancestral connections and historical significance, guide development choices.

- ii. Urban planning must integrate co-design and co-governance models to ensure iwi-led decision-making in housing, transport, and environmental projects do not undermine Iwi cultural narratives.

*c) Limited Co-Management and Treaty Partnership in Decision-making.*

The Kiingitanga Accord and Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa o Waikato (Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River) are foundational agreements that establish a co-governance framework for land and resource management, ensuring that Waikato-Tainui plays a central role in decision-making processes that affect our whenua and wai.

These agreements are not just symbolic; they represent legally binding commitments that uphold our rights, responsibilities, and kaitiakitanga over our ancestral lands and waters.

However, Auckland City Council's planning frameworks and decision-making processes fail to adequately reflect or uphold these Treaty-based commitments. There remains a significant gap in co-governance implementation, and the expectation of Waikato-Tainui positioned as an equal decision-making partner. This lack of meaningful engagement risks undermining the integrity of these agreements and leads to decisions that disregard the cultural, environmental, and historical significance of our whenua and wai.

To rectify this, Auckland City Council must embed a true co-governance approach by:

- I. Ensuring Waikato-Tainui has direct decision-making authority, rather than just a consultative role, over projects impacting our taonga.
- II. Fully integrating Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa o Waikato into all planning and policy frameworks related to land, water, and environmental management.
- III. Strengthening Treaty-based relationships through structured, ongoing engagement that recognises and respects Waikato-Tainui's mana whakahaere (authority) over its ancestral lands and waters.

Without these critical changes, the Council risks perpetuating the historical injustices of land alienation, environmental degradation, and exclusion from

governance structures—contrary to the intent of our Treaty settlements and co-governance agreements.

*d) Risk of unregulated development impacting cultural landscapes and narratives.*

Fast-tracked urban expansion can disrupt cultural landscape and its narrative. In absence of opportunities to co-design and participate in these developments processes, iwi hapuu and marae narrative becomes a lesser consideration. Waikato-Tainui have expressed concerns that many planned projects do not assess the cumulative impacts of land use changes on Waikato-Tainui cultural values.

To better address cultural needs and to appropriately deal with land that is of significance to Maaori, Waikato-Tainui recommends that:

- i. The Council adopt mana whenua-led cultural impact assessments and develop a co-design framework to utilise in consenting processes.
- ii. New planning guidelines should include environmental restoration projects, and maintenance requirements alongside infrastructure expansion.
- iii. Accident Discovery Protocols must also be strengthened to ensure immediate protection, if archaeological cultural remains are found.

*e) Economic and cultural disparities in infrastructure investment*

The Auckland City Council Annual Plan prioritises economic growth but fails to provide adequate support for iwi business and cultural heritage projects.

To better support iwi business and cultural heritage projects, Waikato-Tainui recommends that:

- i. Auckland City Council implements procurement policies that allocate a portion of infrastructure contracts to iwi, hapu/marae-led enterprises; and
- ii. The Auckland Economic Strategy includes investment in cultural, educational and tourism initiatives that celebrate Waikato-Tainui heritage.

## **PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION**

32. Effective collaboration between the Auckland City Council and Waikato Tainui is crucial for the sustainable development of the region. Waikato Tainui therefore encourages the



council to actively provide for representation in decision-making processes, particularly those relating to land use, infrastructure development, and environmental management.

33. There are currently nine Waikato affiliated marae that sit within Auckland City Council boundaries. The city sources more than 50% of its water supply from the Waikato awa (river), which is significant when you look at population projections and the water take required. There are also several discharge points which pose risk of further degradation to our awa. Continued collaboration and partnership with Waikato-Tainui will therefore be vital to ensure that Te Ture Whaimana is upheld and the impact of water takes and discharges are minimised or completely avoided to protect Waikato awa for future generations.
34. Waikato Tainui acknowledges the Councils continued efforts to engage with mana whenua through the mana whenua forum and the provision of capacity funding to ensure that iwi and marae can participate in Council processes. Waikato Tainui strongly encourages Auckland City Council to continue to develop and maintain these relationships and to also work closely with Waikato mana whenua in decision-making.
35. Waikato-Tainui have an existing Memorandum of Understanding with Auckland Council. The nature and scope of this arrangement should be reviewed to ensure that any intended outcome of this Annual Plan process is captured within its operational parameters.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

36. The protection and enhancement of our natural environment are paramount to the well-being of current and future generations. Waikato Tainui advocates for the integration of sustainable practices and policies into the annual plan, including initiatives to mitigate climate change, protect biodiversity, and promote eco-friendly infrastructure development. This sentiment is echoed in our Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan, which we expect Auckland City Council to refer to and consistently utilise when evaluating development proposals.
37. Waikato-Tainui welcomes the inclusion of kauri dieback management in the proposed Annual Plan, as Kauri trees hold significant cultural value to Waikato Tainui. However, Waikato Tainui seeks some clarity around the allocation of funding and mechanisms that may be implored to protect these taonga.

38. Additionally, Waikato Tainui would like to see funding directed towards Maaori-led initiatives to safeguard kauri forests, incorporating traditional knowledge and practices.

### **TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY FOR MAAORI COMMUNITIES**

39. The proposed transport network, while benefiting Auckland's growth, must also consider the accessibility needs of Maaori communities, particularly in underserved regions. Waikato Tainui recommends that budgetary provision is made to ensure that Maaori communities have equitable access to transport, especially those that may face geographical or financial barriers.
40. Waikato-Tainui notes the substantial investment in transport infrastructure. However, we would like to express our concerns around the potential impact these developments may have on Maaori land, interests and culturally significant sites. To adequately address the issue, we recommend that a detailed cost-benefit analysis be conducted, to account for cultural and environmental impacts on Maaori land.
41. Furthermore, engagement and consultation with iwi and hapuu will be vital to ensure any potential negative effects can be mitigated or avoided in a way that is culturally appropriate. As Waikato Tainui have maintained mana whakahaere within parts of Taamaki, this engagement and consultation will be essential to honour and provide for any rights and interests, recognised within our Memorandum of Understanding, Settlement Legislation and outstanding claims.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT**

42. In relation to the preservation of water, infrastructure development in Auckland poses the threat of further degradation to the Waikato River and surrounding environments. Therefore, any proposal for development by the Auckland City Council must give utmost regard to its obligations under our Memorandum of Understanding and the National direction setting document Te Ture Ture Whaimana, to ensure that our tupuna awa does not absorb further degradation.
43. Auckland City Council's annual plan includes major water infrastructure projects such as the Central Interceptor Wastewater Tunnel, City Centre midtown wastewater upgrade, and water quality improvement initiatives. All of which will have an impact on the awa. Waikato-Tainui therefore requests to be engaged and consulted in all stages of these developments

as we would like to ensure that te Ture Whaimana is upheld in planning, decision making and implementation processes.

44. Additionally, the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan (Tai Tumu Tai Pari Tai Ao) must be utilised by Auckland City Council and wider community to support and recognise Waikato-Tainui rights and interests in the implementation or development of infrastructure noted in the annual Auckland City Council Plan and the Auckland Unitary Plan.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

45. Waikato Tainui recognises the importance of economic growth and prosperity for the Auckland region. However, we emphasise the need for sustainable economic development that respects cultural values, promotes local businesses, and creates opportunities for meaningful employment and entrepreneurship, especially for Maaori and other underrepresented groups.
46. Waikato Tainui has developed a Social Procurement Strategy, outlining the needs and aspirations of our Waikato Tainui whaanau. This data was gathered through various engagements on a range of kaupapa relating to te Taiao, housing, economic development, education, health and wellbeing. Within this strategy, Waikato Tainui have developed a range of initiatives that target current whaanau need. Waikato Tainui urges the Auckland City Council to work with iwi, hapuu and Maaori businesses to create a collaborative plan, to inform and achieve better outcomes for both Maaori and non-Maaori residing within the Auckland region.
47. Increasing opportunity within local economies to engage or receive contracts for development will enable more self-sufficient communities, that are less dependent on local and regional authorities in the long term. Therefore, Waikato Tainui requires Auckland City Council to develop strong consultative processes within local communities, to ensure that economic development benefits not only local authorities, but the whaanau living within these development areas.

## **CONCLUSION**

48. In conclusion, Waikato Tainui acknowledges the Auckland City Council's commitment to long-term planning and community engagement. We trust that our submission will be considered thoughtfully in the finalisation of the Annual Plan 2025-2026. We look forward

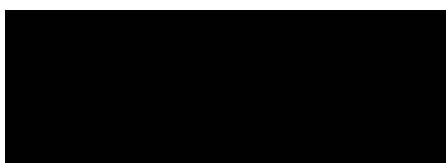
to continued collaboration towards a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future for all residents of Auckland.

49. Waikato-Tainui strongly advocate for increased Maaori representation in all decision-making processes related to the Annual Plan 2025/2026. Iwi must be treated as equal partners in shaping the future of Auckland, and we request that Auckland Council allocate funding to ensure meaningful iwi participation in the governance and oversight of key initiatives.

**DATED**

**28 MARCH 2025**

**TE WHAKAKITENGA O WAIKATO INCORPORATED**



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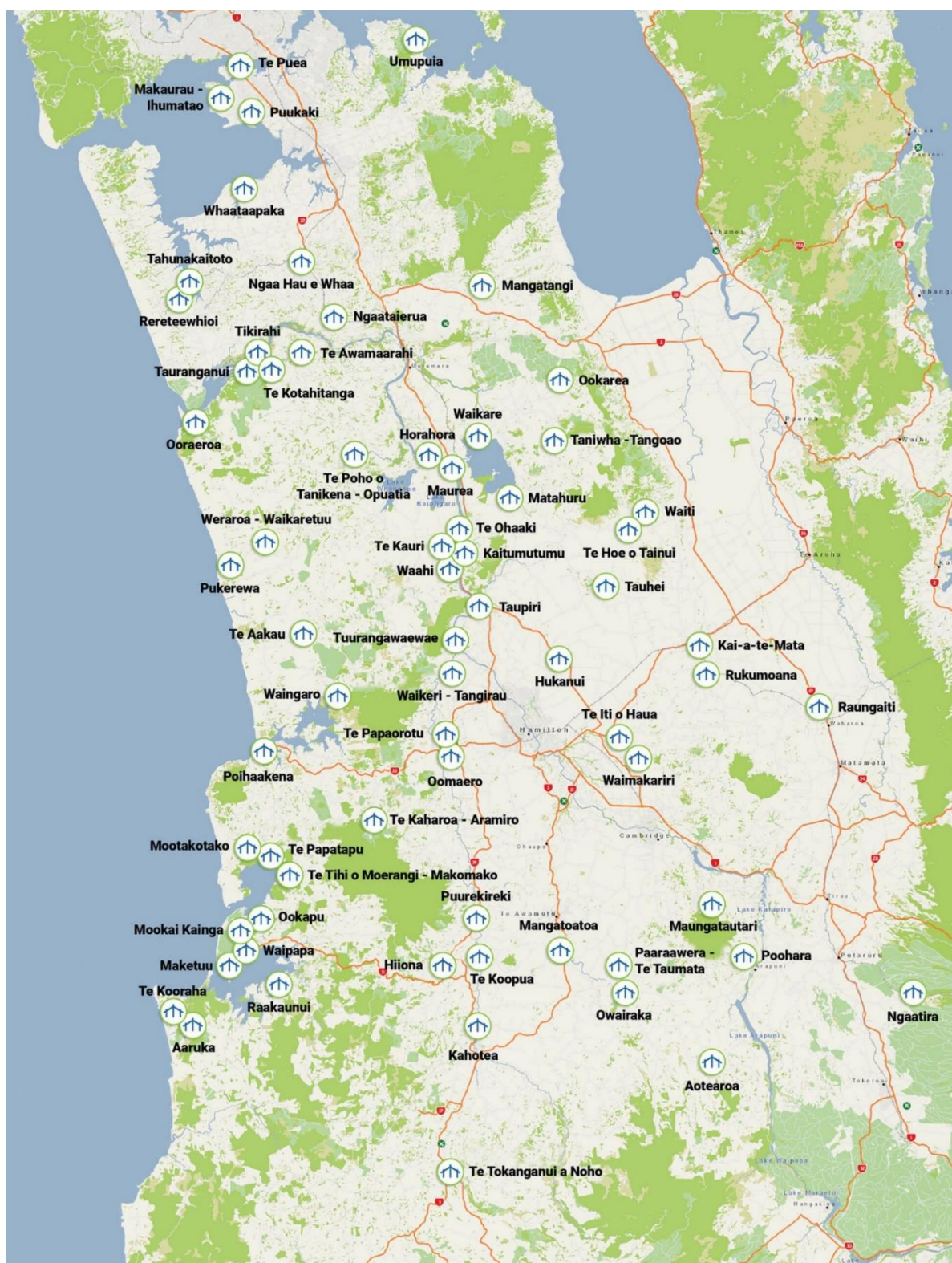


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## **APPENDIX A – Waikato-Tainui 68 Marae**





*APPENDIX B – Waikato-Tainui Remaining Claims Takarangi Framework*



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

Note: this simplified version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed, and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable): Te Kawerau a Maki

Local Board: Regional Organisation

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 builds on our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP).

The annual plan focuses on getting on with strengthening the financial and physical resilience of Auckland, while investing where it is needed most to manage growth. In 2025/2026, that includes prioritising investment in:

- transport
- water
- and fairer funding for local communities

It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

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

Support all

### Tell us why

See attached

Summary of Attachment:

Support for Māori Outcomes

Investment in Māori Outcomes: Supports continued investment of \$16m into Māori outcomes and other targeted rates increases.

Specific Projects: Emphasizes the importance of projects like Te Henga marae and papakāinga, Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Deed, Te Onekiritea cultural precinct, and Riverhead forest development.

## **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?**

**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?**

## **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**

See attached

Partnership and Collaboration

Treaty Partnership: Stresses the importance of partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and other legislative frameworks.

Key Moves for Partnership: Proposes a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), maintaining baseline capacity funding, and a shared annual work programme.

New Provisions Sought

Te Henga Marae: Seeks \$5.1m for infrastructure development.

Riverhead Forest Plan Change: Requests a dedicated Council officer for planning.

Te Onekiritea Point: Seeks Council support for developing a cultural precinct.

Regulatory Role and Capacity Building: Requests ongoing funding to support regulatory functions and capacity building.

Waitākere Ranges Rangers: Proposes funding for full-time rangers for environmental protection.

Community Officers: Seeks funding for community officer roles in West Auckland and North Shore.

# AUCKLAND COUNCIL PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION

2025



**TE KAWERAU Ā MAKI**

*Karanga mai Tainui waka!  
Karanga mai ko Te Kawerau ā Maki!  
E ki ana te korero  
Ko ngā Rau Pou ā Maki ngā tohu whakahi  
Ko Te Wao nui ā Tiriwa te ngahere  
Mai Waitākere awa ki Wai ō Pareira  
Mai Te Korekore ki Nga Tai ā Rakataura  
Na Maki te mana me te rangatiratanga  
Tihei mauri ora!*

Tēna koutou,

I write on behalf of Te Kawerau Iwi Tiaki Trust (the iwi development subsidiary of Te Kawerau Iwi Settlement Trust). These entities represent the uri of Te Kawerau ā Maki. I write to Auckland Council in the spirit of partnership.

Te Kawerau ā Maki acknowledge the ongoing challenges faced by Auckland Council including the challenges of climate change, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, the housing crisis, aging or insufficient infrastructure, population growth, regulatory changes, and the ongoing recovery from the 2023 cyclone and storms. Te Kawerau ā Maki, as the iwi of West Auckland and North Shore, have also felt the acute impacts of these challenges including the lingering impacts of the 2023 cyclone on our rohe and in our communities. Te Kawerau ā Maki is committed to working with the Council to help tackle the challenges. In doing so our role is to advocate for the whenua, advocate for our people, and advocate for our West Auckland and North Shore communities.

The Council's proposed annual plan identifies some key outcome areas:

- Transport (\$1,796m opex, \$1,478m capex)
- Water (\$853m opex, \$1,388m capex)
- Built Environment (\$98m opex, \$128m capex)
- Natural Environment (\$695m opex, \$65m capex)
- Community (\$869m opex, \$357m capex)
- Economic and Cultural Development (\$214m opex, \$85m capex)
- Well-Managed Local Government (\$541m opex, \$485m capex)

We understand that Council can consider a broader range of options to address the budget constraints including reviewing what council invests in and finding new ways to work with central government and other external partners. This could involve looking at the services Council provides to the community and how they are delivered. The proposed budget package for 2025/2026 includes a slight reduction in capex to \$3,986m, and slight increase in opex to \$5,068m, and a rate increase of 5.8%.

We support Council's efforts in seeking to strike a balance while continuing to invest where it is needed most. In general we are supportive of the proposed annual plan, in particular continuing to invest \$16m into Māori outcomes, coordinating and implementing kauri dieback management, and continuing with the targeted rates including increasing 3.5% to the NETR and CATTR funds, increasing the WQTR funds, and increasing 3.3% to the WMTR fund.

Our submission focuses on specific matters of importance to Te Kawerau ā Maki. There are matters specific to our iwi that we need to work with Council on in the spirit of true partnership.

Auckland Council as an agent of the Crown has a partnership with Te Kawerau ā Maki under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and as legislated under the Te Kawerau ā Maki Claims Settlement Act (2015), the Resource Management Act (1991), the Local Government Act (Auckland) (2009) and as acknowledged in the

Auckland Plan and Auckland Unitary Plan. Treaty Partnership means making decisions together and acting together wherever possible. Under our partnership and our rangatiratanga we have a decision-making role over matters that directly affect our wellbeing and our rights over our lands, waters, customary resources and other taonga. This role needs to be better supported and integrated with Council. Three key moves to achieve this are (1) a clear agreement of how Te Kawerau ā Maki and Council can work together (MOU and or Mana Whakahono ā Rohe), (2) maintaining baseline capacity funding but adjusting for CPI, and (3) a shared annual work programme. These three moves can help us develop a stronger relationship and help ensure that our shared mahi is an efficient and effective use of time and money that helps take both parties forward in meeting our mutual goals including those of the Auckland Plan.

Te Kawerau ā Maki also wants to work together with Council and Government on projects that directly impact our cultural, social, environmental, and economic wellbeing. Four key projects are (1) Te Henga marae and papakāinga, (2) Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Deed and a new Forum and Plan, (3) Te Onekiritea (Hobsonville) cultural precinct, and (4) Riverhead forest development. These items are all high priority matters in our own strategic and annual plans and directly link to our wellbeing. While some meaningful progress is being made on item 1 and 2, more work is needed.

We seek to 'reset' our relationship with Council, building off our positive collaboration with the Council in the Waitākere Ranges and at the Henderson Civic, and to help Council deliver better value-for-money with the iwi by negotiating a programme of work that achieves mutual and strategic outcomes. The operationalisation of such a work programme through Council Annual and Long-Term Plans is a key step.

We look forward to working together in partnership.

Noho ora mai,



[Redacted Name]

CEO

Te Kawerau Iwi Tiaki Trust

Provision	Relief Sought	Budgetary Implication	Legal and Policy Alignment
NEW PROVISION: Te Henga Marae	The Te Henga marae and papakāinga project is known as the Kainga Whakahirahira (settlement of significance) to Te Kawerau ā Maki. It represents the return or renaissance of the iwi within our tribal heartland and is central to the cultural and social wellbeing of Te Kawerau ā Maki. Te Kawerau ā Maki are currently the only mana whenua iwi without a marae and papakāinga in the Auckland region with our last one flooded when Council constructed the dam at Waitākere. The establishment of a Te Kawerau marae at Te Henga was a longstanding legacy commitment of the former Waitākere City Council and goes back to around 1992. Te Kawerau ā Maki will require ongoing support from Council in the establishment of the Te Henga marae as the project is an absolute cultural and social priority for Te Kawerau ā Maki and is subsequently a key Maori wellbeing project for Council as defined in the Auckland Plan. The project includes \$5.1m of infrastructure stage, \$5.3m of marae facilities stage, and \$4.95m of housing stage. We seek strategic investment from Council's Māori outcomes budget for the development of infrastructure for the project. The total cost is \$5.1m for these works. We will then seek other external and internal funding to deliver the remaining project stages.	Māori Outcomes Budget - \$5,100,000	LGA(Auckland) s3(f) Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 1 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 2 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 4 TKaMCSA Part 2 WRHAA s7(2)(j) AUP RPS B6.2 AUP RPS B6.4 Te Tiriti Article II
NEW PROVISION: Riverhead forest plan change	Te Kawerau ā Maki own in fee simple approximately 3,275 ha of Riverhead Forest. This was received as the main component of commercial redress within the 2015 Treaty Settlement and is the key strategic asset from which to drive the economic wellbeing of the iwi into the future. During the Unitary Plan hearings Te Kawerau ā Maki sought to have a precinct placed over the Riverhead Forest Treaty land to recognise its unique status as commercial redress land inextricably bound to the economic development of the iwi, and to enable Te Kawerau ā Maki to work with Council jointly on a solution that unlocked the potential of the land in a sustainable way. Due to the compressed timeframes of the PAUP process, Council went on the record noting that there was not the time or adequate information at hand to agree to the full scope requested by Te Kawerau ā Maki, but that as with other iwi submissions through the PAUP there would be future opportunity for a Council assisted plan change. Te Kawerau ā Maki see opportunity to work with Auckland Council and the Government to help address the current Auckland Housing Crisis, and potentially also assist with the planting of permanent native trees at a significant scale. Te Kawerau ā Maki have ambitions to provide large scale and strategic master planned community solutions at Riverhead staged over a 100-year timeframe. We request a dedicated Council officer appointee to work with us on the initial plans for this, eventually hopefully leading to a Council-supported plan change.	Nil (relocation of existing FTE capacity, assistance with plan change)	LGA(Auckland) s3(f) Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 1 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 2 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 TKaMCSA Part 3 RMA Part 2 AUP RPS B6.2.1(3) AUP RPS B6.2.1(4) AUP RPS B6.4.1 Te Tiriti Article II

NEW PROVISION: Te Onekiritea Point (Hobsonville)	Te Kawerau ā Maki owns 0.3 ha of land at Te Onekiritea (Hobsonville Point) as cultural redress land and has an exclusive right of refusal to purchase the surrounding 11ha of the Point through our Treaty Settlement. This is a key piece of our commercial redress opportunity. It is currently administered by Kainga Ora on behalf of the Crown and is surplus land. The ability to purchase the RFR is contingent on whether Council first wishes to purchase the land for open space (in which case the RFR transfers to Council). Council has confirmed it only requires a maximum of 4ha. Te Kawerau have for many years tried to acquire our redress at Te Onekiritea and develop a cultural precinct including the cultural redress land already owned by us in an integrated manner. We seek active support from Council to progress and formalise the matter including through a collaborative masterplan. We seek a formal non-monetary commitment from Council to assist us in resolving the matter, in terms of a lead Council officer.	Nil (relocation of existing FTE capacity)	LGA(Auckland) s3(f) Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 1 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 2 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 TKaMCSA Part 3 RMA Part 2 AUP RPS B6.2.1(3) AUP RPS B6.2.1(4) AUP RPS B6.4.1
NEW PROVISION: Regulatory Role and Partnership (Capacity Building)	Te Kawerau ā Maki has regulatory functions under the RMA, WRHAA and our Treaty Settlement Act. Our participation and partnership with Council in undertaking these functions is ad-hoc and project-specific, and a significant amount of this work (between 40-60%) is unfunded, with the burden falling directly on the iwi and making capacity building difficult. We note our current level of funding is around 1% of a local board on average (\$18M+). We seek Council ongoing funding to support our genuine participation in the regulatory functions to cover the shortfall, and to help us build our capacity and relationship with Council. The increased funding provides a baseline business case from which we can develop capacity and capability (such as regulatory engagement and coordination). We seek this baseline funding be maintained but adjusted for CPI.	Māori outcomes budget - \$206,740 adjusted for CPI (2.4%) to \$211,701	LGA(Auckland) s3(f) Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 1 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 TKaMCSA s9 WRHAA s7(2)(i) RMA Part 2 NZCPS AUP RPS B6.2 AUP RPS B6.3 AUP RPS B6.5 Te Tiriti Article II Tikanga
NEW PROVISION: Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Deed and Partnership	The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act (2008) stipulates that a Deed of Recognition can be entered into with Te Kawerau ā Maki in recognition of its tangata whenua status over the area. Te Kawerau ā Maki has identified a desire to progress the Deed in their feedback to the 10-year WRHA review. Te Kawerau interests and rights over the Waitākere Ranges are also enshrined in legislation through the Te Kawerau ā Maki Treaty Settlement. Te Kawerau are currently working closely with Council and DOC since declaring a rāhui over the forested area in 2017. We seek to formalise this relationship through the Deed. The Council governing body resolved in December 2024 to enter into a Deed and to start a public engagement process on key matters within it. The item is included here as a matter of importance to us, and requesting ongoing in-kind support from Council.	Nil (internal staff time and incidental opex costs)	LGA(Auckland) s3(f) Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 1 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 4 TKaMCSA s9 TKaMCSA Part 2 WRHAA s7(2)(j) WRHAA s29 RMA Part 2 NZCPS AUP RPS B6.2 AUP RPS B6.3 AUP RPS B6.5 Te Tiriti Article II Tikanga



NEW PROVISION: Waitākere Ranges Te Kawerau Rangers	Te Kawerau ā Maki heartland is the Waitākere Ranges, and we have stepped up to protect the environment here through the 2017 rāhui and many other projects and actions. This is our duty as kaitiaki, however this comes with an operational burden. We seek Council support in funding five full-time Te Kawerau ā Maki rangers to work alongside our Council and DOC peers in protecting the ngahere and WRHA in the spirit of partnership, and five full-time pest control rangers to focus on partnering with community on delivering on-the-ground pest and weed control. It is likely that some of this budget, particularly pest control contracts, could be re-allocated for this purpose, with most of the funds likely to be found within existing opex.	Nil (likely can be found within existing budgets related to WRHA - \$700,000 p/a)	Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 1 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 TKaMCSA Part 2 WRHAA s7(2)(j) WRHAA s43 RMA Part 2 AUP RPS B6.2 AUP RPS B6.3 AUP RPS B6.5 Te Tiriti Article II Tikanga
NEW PROVISION: Te Kawerau ā Maki and Council Relationship Agreement / Mana Whakahono and Annual Plan	Te Kawerau ā Maki do not have a formal relationship agreement with Auckland Council, despite having drafted one and lodging it as draft in 2017. We seek to integrate this with beginning the formal process of drafting a Mana Whakahono document under the provisions of the RMA. We previously asked to enter into a Mana Whakahono a Rohe on numerous occasions, including within LTP and Annual Plan submissions.	Nil (reallocation of existing FTE capacity)	RMA Sections 58L to 58U LGA(Auckland) s3(f) Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 AUP RPS B6.2 TKaMCSA s9 Te Tiriti Article II Tikanga
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NEW PROVISION: Te Kawerau ā Maki Community Officer	We seek joint local board funding to create two community officer roles – one in West Auckland and one in North Shore – to help us better connect with the Local Boards and community within our heartlands.	Local Board budgets - \$200,000	LGA(Auckland) s3(f) Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 1 Auck Plan Maori Outcomes Direction 3 TKaMCSA s9 AUP RPS B6.2 AUP RPS B6.3 AUP RPS B6.5 Te Tiriti Article II Tikanga



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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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

Other

### Tell us why

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Summary of Attachment:



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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?**

### 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**

See attached

Summary of Attachment:

Commitment to Equity, Partnership, and Sustainable Investment

Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Auckland Council must uphold its commitment to Te Tiriti, ensuring Māori retain authority over their lands and well-being.

Equity: Decision-making should address historical and systemic disadvantages faced by Māori.

Holistic Approach: Policies should reflect Māori values and aspirations, considering long-term impacts

#### 3.3.1 Prioritizing Māori Needs

Infrastructure projects should focus on the needs of Māori communities, not just economic or commercial interests.

Collaboration with Kāinga Ora and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development is supported, but partnerships must allow mana whenua to lead housing and infrastructure solutions.

#### 3.3.2 Lessons from Large-Scale Projects

Projects like the City Rail Link (CRL) highlight the importance of including Māori communities in planning from the beginning.

Benefits should extend beyond transport to include improved access, economic opportunities, and housing affordability.

#### 3.3.3 Embedding Māori Perspectives

Future infrastructure projects must embed Māori perspectives.

The impact on Māori communities should be a central factor in decision-making, not an afterthought.

Māori Outcomes Fund (MOF): Review should be mana whenua-led, focusing on long-term investment and governance.

#### Recommendations

Embed equity in decision-making.

Strengthen mana whenua partnerships.

Ensure Māori priorities are visible in the Annual Plan.

Secure long-term investment in Māori development.

Ensure the MOF review is mana whenua-led.

# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #7 Te Ākitai Waiohū

## Feedback from Māori entities

**Representative:** [REDACTED]

**Identify: Mana Whenua**

*Notes from verbal presentation to Annual Budget discussion.*

[REDACTED] provided opening mihi.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chair of meeting AC

15 Minute time allocation

- **Noted:** Fairer Funding model - Some communities still disadvantaged.
- **Noted:** We seek equity not just equality in council resourcing.
- **Noted:** CCO current relationships to be retained
- **Noted:** Co-governance preference

## Overall direction for Annual Budget

Te Ākitai Waiohū

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	<b>Generally Supportive</b> “We seek equity not just equality in council resourcing” “Māori Outcomes and local Board investment in Māori outcomes should be fair”
<b>Environment - Sustainability</b>	<b>Support</b> Noted existing successful projects with Te Ākitai Waiohū
<b>CCO Changes</b>	<b>Not specified</b> Our existing relationships must be maintained and kept strong.
<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<b>Not mentioned</b>
<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	<b>Generally supportive with conditions</b> “Based on equitable funding level, based on population, deprivation and land areas.” “Manawhenua input is missing – funding must affect Māori aspirations.” “Some communities still disadvantaged.”
<b>Rates and Charges</b>	<b>Not mentioned</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>Not mentioned</b>

## What else is important to you?

Disappointing to see such a lack of representation at the table, appreciate those online and those here - (reference to number of councillors in person to address Mana Whenua)

delivered her presentation - e Ākitai Oho Moata.

Image crater hill in Papatoetoe.

We kept this land intact (over many years) Cr Darby knows of our efforts to keep this piece of land in current state.

This is an example of how working with Auckland council can produce results we both wish to have.

Te Ākitai vision is to prepare our people for the future

We seek success in social, cultural, environmental and economic development.

### Annual plan resourcing

We need robust resourcing (showed maps of Te Ākitai area of interest).

Guiding principles for Te Ākitai Waiohū are that Māori should retain rangatiratanga over Iwi, hapu and taonga and blend into all decision making.

Iwi need targeted resourcing – any proposed service cuts increase hardship for our people.

Priority is a fair needs-based investment.

### Governance and Decision making

Te Ākitai lens is one of cultural identity – Our identity is important, as is economic development, kaitiakitanga – social and environmental wellbeing.

We have been involved in governance and strategies at many different levels in council.

We seek equity not just equality in council resourcing.

Start points and resources

Transparent and fair funding.

Māori Outcomes and local Board investment in Māori outcomes should be fair.

Council should introduce re Co-governance and support building tangible and lasting relationships.

Governance must be inclusive.

Move from consultation to co governance

### Annual Budget/ Plan

Your proposed plan – fairer funding for communities. Based on equitable funding level, based on population, deprivation and land areas.

Manawhenua input is missing – funding must affect Māori aspirations.

Some communities still disadvantaged.

### Fairer Funding/ Māori Outcomes funding

Proposals for LB areas – Auckland plan approach – Based on fairer funding policy – funding levels differ across local boards not all received support. Does not mean fairness?

**Local Board Engagement and funding**

Mana Whenua must have a role – In South Auckland Mana Whenua visibility is minimal at Local Board level there must be engagement and get us involved early.

LBs must receive Māori outcomes funding if they have engaged (discussed outcomes) with Māori. Funding must translate into long term impact.

Māori Outcome s must not be siloed – must be more than symbolic.

**CCO Change Proposals**

CCO changes – is responsiveness to manawhenua there?

Identities within CCOs must be retained.

Māori Partnerships must remain strong – we want to see how change strengthens our relationships for example regeneration programmes must be protected.

**Cr Julie Fairey:** Local Board aspects – southern local boards strengthening Māori input into decision making.

**Karen Wilson:** I am the governor for Te Ākitai Waiohū – I made statement we have little or no contact at the governance level.

**Cr Richard Hill:** CCO relationships – have you found your relationships different say with council – just seeking the strengths of either.

**Karen Wilson:** Vastly different – for me its why its in the presentation – I have raised with Mayor – what's working currently hasn't featured in the transition phase – still time for transition phase to involve manawhenua input into what is working or what we believe will not work.

Forums there we have nurtured that have not yet been addressed.

**Cr Kerrin Leonie:** CCO transition – Anything needs to be highlighted re procurement and contracting – 126 billion in Māori assets – investment in Māori tourism – Economic development we could be doing better.

**Karen Wilson:** Examples - Eke Panuku – first foray into Kotuitui – housing development – had to have skin in the game – allowed us to input - you can see why awards were won – Papatoetoe development specialist expertise – results that continue to win awards.

# Te Ākitai Waiohūa



**Submission on Auckland Council's  
Annual Plan 2025/26**

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Te Ākitai Waiohūa welcomes the opportunity to submit feedback on Auckland Council's **Annual Plan 2025/26**. As mana whenua of Tāmaki Makaurau, we acknowledge the complex challenges Auckland Council faces in balancing financial constraints, service delivery, and future planning. However, we must ensure that any budgetary decisions prioritise equity, partnership, and sustainable investment in Māori communities.
- 1.2 Our vision, '**Te Ākitai Oho Moata**', speaks to the importance of preparing and uplifting our people for the future. This vision can only be realised when our people have access to appropriate resources, decision-making influence, and investment that enables intergenerational success. Auckland Council must reflect this commitment in its Annual Plan by actively embedding Māori priorities across governance, policy, and funding.
- 1.3 While we acknowledge existing commitments to Māori through mechanisms such as the **Māori Outcomes Fund (MOF)** and targeted funding for marae infrastructure and Māori economic development, we remain concerned about how these commitments will translate into **practical, measurable outcomes**. Auckland Council must move beyond policy rhetoric and ensure **tangible progress** for Māori in areas such as housing, infrastructure, economic development, and decision-making influence.
- 1.4 This submission outlines **our position on key aspects of the Annual Plan**, the areas where further work is required, and **our recommendations to strengthen Māori outcomes and partnerships in Auckland Council processes**.

## **2. Commitment to Equity, Partnership, and Sustainable Investment**

### **2.1 Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Need for Equity**

- 2.1.1 Auckland Council has publicly committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as articulated in the Auckland Plan 2050. The plan acknowledges that Te Tiriti is an exchange of promises, requiring the Crown to respect rangatiratanga and ensure Māori retain authority over their lands, resources, and well-being.
- 2.1.2 However, to honour this commitment, equity must be a driving force in decision-making. Equity is not about providing everyone with the same level of support but recognising that Māori communities face historical and systemic disadvantages that require targeted resourcing. For Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau, these disparities are evident in housing insecurity, economic marginalisation, barriers to education and employment, and the impacts of urban development on whenua and taonga.
- 2.1.3 It is well documented that Māori communities continue to experience significant disparities in socio-economic outcomes. The He Whenua Taurikura report (2023) highlights that Māori households experience greater financial hardship, lower rates of homeownership, and are more vulnerable to economic downturns. Auckland Council budget decisions that increase rates or reduce essential services will disproportionately impact our people, exacerbating existing inequities.
- 2.1.4 If Auckland Council is to demonstrate true partnership under Te Tiriti, it must ensure mana whenua are actively involved in governance structures and that Māori needs are prioritised in financial decisions. Māori should not simply be an interest group consulted late in the process



but should have direct decision-making influence at all levels of planning, implementation, and review.

## **2.2 A Holistic Approach to Decision-Making**

- 2.2.1 Te Ākitai Waiohū understands that Auckland Council must balance multiple priorities in its Annual Plan. However, funding and policy must be shaped by a holistic view that reflects Māori values and aspirations.
- 2.2.2 Karl-Henrik Robert (1989) once stated that *"Success is only possible when we manage the whole. Managing pieces in isolation will only create fragmented success."* This aligns with our worldview, which acknowledges that Māori wellbeing cannot be achieved in isolation from cultural identity, environmental kaitiakitanga, economic stability, and social wellbeing.
- 2.2.3 Auckland Council's decision-making must move beyond short-term financial considerations and instead assess long-term Māori impacts, ensuring that all policy and funding allocations contribute to lasting, intergenerational success.

## **3. Key Issues and Concerns**

### **3.1 Fair and Transparent Funding for Local Communities**

- 3.1.1 The proposed shift towards Local Board-led funding models has significant implications for mana whenua. While we acknowledge that local decision-making can enable tailored solutions, it is concerning that mana whenua visibility remains limited in Local Board processes. Without clear structures for Māori engagement, funding may be allocated without properly considering mana whenua priorities or addressing historical inequities.
- 3.1.2 Local Board funding must be transparent, needs-based, and accountable to Māori communities. It is not enough for Council to claim an "equitable" funding model—we need to see clear mechanisms that ensure mana whenua influence over funding decisions and that investments in Māori outcomes are strategically prioritised across all Local Boards.

### **3.2 The Māori Outcomes Fund (MOF) Review**

- 3.2.1 Te Ākitai Waiohū supports the review of the Māori Outcomes Fund (MOF), and believes this process must be mana whenua-led, not just an internal Auckland Council exercise. The effectiveness of the MOF must be measured by outcomes, not just spending levels.
- 3.2.2 Key concerns regarding the MOF include:
  - The need for greater transparency in funding allocation and decision-making processes.
  - Ensuring long-term investment in Māori-led initiatives, rather than one-off projects.
  - Strengthening governance mechanisms that enable mana whenua oversight of Māori funding.
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- 3.3.3 We urge Auckland Council to ensure future infrastructure projects embed Māori perspectives and that the impact on Māori communities is a central factor in decision-making, not an afterthought.

### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 To address these concerns, we urge Auckland Council to implement the following recommendations:
  - 4.1.2 Embed equity in all decision-making**, ensuring targeted resourcing for Māori to address historical disadvantages.
  - 4.1.3 Strengthen mana whenua partnerships** by formalising co-governance at Local Board, CCO, and Council levels.
  - 4.1.4 Ensure Māori priorities are visible in the Annual Plan**, with transparent funding allocation and accountability measures.
  - 4.1.5 Secure long-term investment in Māori development**, including housing, infrastructure, and economic opportunities.
  - 4.1.6 Ensure the MOF review is mana whenua-led**, with governance structures that enable Māori oversight of funding decisions.

### 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Te Ākitai Waiohū remains committed to a collaborative relationship with Auckland Council and seeks to work constructively towards a fairer and more equitable future for all Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau. However, this requires more than words, it requires action.
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**Fiscal Responsibility:** The submission supports the Council's efforts to eliminate wasteful expenditure and optimize spending across capital projects. It advocates for strategic investments that enhance economic development and community well-being.

**Sustainable Infrastructure:** Ngāti Maru Rūnanga commends the focus on sustainable infrastructure projects that align with their values of kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and environmental stewardship. They urge the integration of mana whenua (indigenous people with authority over the land) perspectives in infrastructure planning and execution.

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Support

**Tell us why**

See attached

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The submission endorses the proposal to introduce a visitor bed night levy, projected to generate approximately \$27 million. This levy is seen as a fair revenue stream that does not burden local

ratepayers and can create new economic opportunities for Ngāti Maru, including employment and business development.

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#### **Tell us here**

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Summary of Attachment:

Mana Whenua Integration: Ngāti Maru Rūnanga calls for structured, ongoing engagement mechanisms to ensure mana whenua perspectives are integrated into all budgetary and service delivery processes. This includes consultation on infrastructure, property management, and economic initiatives.

Targeted Investment in Rangatahi (Youth): The submission highlights the need for targeted investment in youth development, recommending budget allocations for youth employment schemes, leadership programs, and educational scholarships.

Environmental Stewardship: Emphasis is placed on kaitiakitanga, advocating for increased investment in environmental restoration projects involving mana whenua leadership. The submission calls for climate resilience, biodiversity protection, and sustainable urban planning to be central considerations in all Council initiatives.

**Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Submission on the Auckland Council Annual Budget 2025–2026**

Ngāti Maru Rūnanga submits the following comments and recommendations regarding the Auckland Council Annual Budget for 2025–2026. Our submission is firmly rooted in our vision to sustain and recognise the mana motuhake and tino rangatiratanga of Ngāti Maru. We are guided by a kaupapa that promotes the educational, spiritual, cultural, social, and economic well-being of our whānau. Our mission is to foster, develop, and represent the interests of our people, ensuring that our cultural heritage is protected while actively contributing to the prosperity of Auckland.

At the heart of our priorities is a commitment to partnership and participation at all levels, ensuring that the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are upheld. Strong, transparent governance built on mutual respect and consultation is essential to safeguarding our collective interests. In this context, we acknowledge the Council's focus on cost-effectiveness, efficient procurement, and sustainable infrastructure, as these measures help create a fiscal environment where resources can be reinvested into services and projects that benefit all Aucklanders, including our rangatahi, kaumatua, and whānau.

Ngāti Maru Rūnanga supports the Council's commitment to eliminating wasteful expenditure and optimizing spending across capital projects. Fiscal responsibility is crucial for ensuring that ratepayer funds are used effectively, delivering both short-term savings and long-term structural reforms. We advocate for strategic investment that not only enhances economic development but also strengthens community well-being.

In particular, we commend the focus on sustainable infrastructure projects, as they align with our values of kaitiakitanga and environmental stewardship. We urge the Council to integrate mana whenua perspectives into infrastructure planning and execution to ensure culturally appropriate development that respects our ancestral lands and resources.

We endorse the Council's proposal to introduce a visitor bed night levy as a fair and equitable revenue stream. A levy set between 2.5% and 3% is projected to generate approximately \$27 million, helping bridge the funding gap for major events and destination marketing. This

measure ensures that the financial burden does not fall on local ratepayers but rather on visitors who contribute to the demand for infrastructure and tourism services.

The additional revenue from this levy can create new economic opportunities for Ngāti Maru, including employment and business development prospects. We encourage the Council to consider directing a portion of these funds towards initiatives that support Māori tourism enterprises and rangatahi workforce development.

Ngāti Maru Rūnanga emphasises the need for Auckland Council to fully integrate mana whenua perspectives in all budgetary and service delivery processes. We call for structured, ongoing engagement mechanisms that allow for direct input from iwi into decision-making processes.

This includes consultation on infrastructure, property management, and economic initiatives to ensure that our cultural heritage is respected and protected. The Council must recognize our unique relationship with the land and ensure that budgetary reforms do not compromise our rights, aspirations, or traditional practices. We propose the establishment of formal reporting and engagement sessions between Council representatives and mana whenua to ensure that consultation is not only meaningful but also leads to tangible outcomes.

While we acknowledge that some elements of the Auckland Council budget benefit all Aucklanders, there remains a distinct lack of targeted investment in rangatahi. Infrastructure improvements, public transport upgrades, and safer public spaces indirectly benefit young people by creating better access to education, employment, and recreation. However, there is an opportunity for the Council to develop more focused programs specifically addressing youth development, career pathways, and educational support.

We recommend the Council allocate budgetary provisions to initiatives that directly empower rangatahi, including dedicated youth employment schemes, leadership programs, and educational scholarships. Supporting rangatahi in meaningful ways contributes to the long-term resilience and prosperity of Auckland as a whole.

Kaitiakitanga remains a core priority for Ngāti Maru Runanga. We expect that Auckland Council's budgetary decisions will uphold environmental stewardship and ensure the



sustainable management of land, water, and other natural resources. Climate resilience, biodiversity protection, and sustainable urban planning must be central considerations in all Council initiatives.

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Ngāti Maru Runanga's priorities align with Auckland Council's broader budgetary objectives of fiscal responsibility, economic growth, and community well-being. However, we stress the importance of embedding mana whenua perspectives in all decision-making processes, ensuring that our cultural and economic interests are safeguarded.

Nga mihi



Chairperson  
Ngāti Maru Runanga  
13/3/2025

# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Support all

### Tell us why

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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.

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Support

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See attached:

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**Tell us here**

# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #2 Mana Futures

## Feedback from Māori entities

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	supportive but encourage mindfulness on wasteful spending.
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## Internal Strength – He Mana a Roto – Mental Health and Rangatahi

### Overall Plan

Highly supportive of plan (overall)

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## What else is important to you?

Transcript – *Not a complete record of meeting.*

Representative - [REDACTED]

We work with 100s of Māori businesses and schools and support rangatahi into employment.

This presentation is around three opportunities – Start with overall on our thoughts.

### **Annual Budget:**

Highly supportive of plan

One firm comment – If our lands are well, our people are well, if our land are sick our people are sick.

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### **Rates and Charges:**

Rates Fees and charges – as a person – we own multiple properties and pay multiple rates – we are supportive but encourage mindfulness on wasteful spending.

Māori business investment should be included.

Recommend more funds disbursed out to suburbs instead of just the current central city focus.

### **Transport:**

Investment into transport - be mindful of our suburbs as well (not just the city).

Our people live there (suburbs – South and East).

### **Māori Business:**

As a business – the major category (contributing to GDP) is professional and administrative services & property – both popular with Māori – our asset base is growing for Māori.

Consistent services to Iwi are critical.

### **Local Boards Fairer funding.**

We strongly support this – funding closer to services on the ground – continuity of service must be maintained. Local Boards must be given power to work with Māori Pakahi – (Māori Business).

Continue to provide capacity grants to community services that support Māori.



██████████ – Mana Futures

I support what ██████ has shared – I follow her lead.

I sit to represent Tonui but many Māori – particularly Rangatahi – npt supported as strong as should be. Run NZQA Rangatahi programme – focus on stopping youth killing themselves and support the future of Māori.

Gave his NRL and aviation and business background post football.

My experience – tika ahau – not greatest (re grants and funding support for rangatahi programmes) We have put in submissions for support – received positive response re a small grant – we were sent email 30 minutes later that council had made a mistake – that is quite poor.

In 2024 we delivered support to 140 rangatahi south Auckland and West and Orakei –

Mihi to Roger Dalton for funding support (TPK) – 67% of our students went on to employment. Now in 2025 – we now have \$0 support (from Govt or other sources) kia ora.

**Councillor** ██████████ – Q: – Finding your own solutions re mental health – Q: how big a difference can it make to transform lives if ground level responses are given adequate support?

██████████ **response** – Mana Futures ██████ – On behalf – my experiences – we understand the hardship that Māori have – I to was a rangatahi – although years ago –We developed an accredited NZQA programme over the last six years – missing element – youth need to be inspired – to believe in themselves – it is their birthright – build self-confidence – we are passionate – we know what works – more support would be fantastic. More support for rangatahi encouraged.

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██████████ **Response:** I don't think it is equitable – a lot of commercial property is empty right now – businesses are struggling to find ways to pay their loans – this should be looked at. Any increase must be justifiable – not wasteful spend – regulated – those rates need to be justified. Land/ Safety/ our people are well.

**Councillor** ██████████ – Comment – Council leadership – Not stepping back from Māori Outcomes.

██████████ **Response:** Outcomes needed

Rangatahi feel whakama Business Māori – what can we do to prioritize, celebrate, and increase economic outcomes?

Diminishment of mana – in contrast – our rangatahi are coming out fighting – more vocal on submissions, protest for what they believe in – Toitu te tangata – what might come and go Q: (Government) our people will always be here – we will support business wherever we can

Te Matatini is a good example of economic outcomes for Maori culture– support is massive – spend is massive – anything that works to increase awareness of Auckland as a marketing, destination supports continuity of services – improves services like rail links. We need more marketing efforts – business is small so council can get in behind increase visibility.

**Councillor** [REDACTED] Q: – how can we be a partner – investment partner re events? (Funding events) is a – hard conversation – people generally unsure.

**[REDACTED] response** -come along to our next Strength programme – not just a database – come in get involved with Māori kaupapa organisations.

**[REDACTED]** - comment - Would like to see groups like yours showing rangatahi how to play the game.

**Councillor** [REDACTED] Q Are you noticing that shift in investment and the impact on our people. (Referring to LTP outcomes).

**[REDACTED] Response:** City link to airport – what business would that impact ?– could be more done? – Marketing efforts in CBD are louder – businesses we work with are at the smaller ends of town - south and west – (in the suburb businesses) are closing – less foot traffic. Glenn Inness – businesses are closing due to constant traffic cones and transport issues.

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Group: #5 Te Roopu Waiora

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Te Roopu Waiora

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<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	<b>Not stated</b>

	Seeking relationships and resources to participate in community and in decision making
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## What else is important to you?

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Welcome

██████████ – Nga mihi

Te Roopu Waiora is entirely governed by whanau haua Māori – and existed for a quarter century – It is time to provide context to support important meaningful decisions to be made – ***what is the Māori concept of disability?*** We don't have a handle on the western model of disability which is defined to manage this people .

### Christian model of disability

Our current model is formed from the Christian model – disability is a curse – the devils work – at this point we see denigration and condemnation equating disability with evil and spiritual deadness.

As we follow this timeline through the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Popes gave licence to subjugate foreign lands of indigenous populations used by colonial expansion, Columbus, Magellan, Cook and others used this Christian authority to claim indigenous lands and ideology.

Our people were described by colonisers as less than human, disabled and they used passages from the bible to further colonisation.

In UK and America there were rules that disabled could not even be in public .

NZ followed suit refusing passage to NZ to those with disabilities – terms which are still used today these policies still remain.

Here we see disability and illness seen together.

### Medical model of disability

Struggle is their own fault – 17<sup>th</sup> century – abnormals need to be fixed, classified, confined.

Institutionalising people to protect the normal – still informs medical practice today –

### Charity model

The disabled individual is needy needing fixing or cure.

Charities often offend and frustrate those they purport to help.

There are claims the disabled do not contribute to society.

This delay results in lack of response to the Māori disability community - which is largely invisible

### Social Models of disability

Social model developed in the 1970s – distinction between impairment and disability.

Who creates the disability – society needs to change and eliminate barriers and discrimination.

We don't often get this level of support so we could join these proceedings. (*Reference to Nga Mātārae support for the group and resourcing to support them to attend*)

**Social model moves into the environment.**

Neglects cultural values – all can be solved through accessibility excluding indigenous models.

These models have inflicted massive harm on Iwi Māori – The traditional view of disability Māori sees us as distinct individuals.

Tribal knowledge did not exist prior to colonisation.

Indigenous Māori language does not contain language like disabled and abled.

We can talk to our land – English does not recognise these as living.

Haua means angry – not disabled – preceding word in Hau – wind.

Through anger and rage Tawhirimatea tore out his eyes – our blind deity.

We acknowledge Tawhirimatea's power and presence.

Whanau – are the anchor to our history and traditions.

The place of whanau is being destroyed – by individualism.

Tania then named many celebrated Māori heroes – who had disabilities.

Many Tohunga were Kapo (blind).

As colonised people we have separate views of ourselves – we are part of Tamaki Makaurau and you are poorer without us.

Our community has the highest rate of deprivation – we understand how you came to be and how we are as a population. We seek to maximise how we can contribute – example - through Inclusive design – relevant accessible communications and facilities – competent workforce – designed by whanau haua.

Pūkenga (our goal) use the skills of our whanau – so all people can participate celebrate and deepen their knowledge.

Before colonisation we had no concept of disability.

Pakeha concepts divide and are destructive – implore you and community to what needs to be done so that we to belong – **we look forward to working with you.**

**Action:** T [REDACTED] agreed to make the written speech available to [REDACTED] to share with all councillors.

[REDACTED] comment: My aspiration for council and local boards is to be the most accessible and inclusive council in the world – we need to leverage the skills of your roopu.

Q: to [REDACTED] how do we provide that opportunity?– look all around council, Contract, facilities with a whanau haua lens.

**Cr** [REDACTED] Q: – do you have a relationship with the disability advisory panel ?– would be useful – for next term. The panel is primarily focussed on a social model.

[REDACTED] – We have had a long history to bring our expertise to the table – advisory groups appointed by organisations they decide who will sit at the table. Those individuals have personal knowledge and lived experience – but for issues that impact the whole population you need collective deep understanding of issues this community face.

The advisory groups are just that – advisory.

Sometimes such groups are used to make up for lack of competencies among staff members and usually only meet six times a year – can take time to sort out – We are not particularly supportive of advisory groups and meeting with these groups.



Preference is meet with us - so we can korero in an unfiltered way to consider that moving forward.

**CR** [REDACTED] - Comment: we should have a conversation with your group.

**CR** [REDACTED] Q: You have talked about the disability panel - Are you aware of a disability strategy as part of our Māori outcome's portfolio with Nga Mātārae - statistics - do we need a specific piece of mahi going forward for our city?

[REDACTED] Korero is put on table there are distinct world views being Māori - make room at the table - to be inclusive - it's not just about universal design. We bring diversity in and celebrate our diversity - if that's a strategy we would endorse it.

I put on table this community gets stuck - we don't quite fit in te ao Māori space as its not accessible (our Marae and places) and te Ao pakeha due to disability we need to make sure people understand what all those specific challenges are for us.

**Cr** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - Noted [REDACTED] New Year honour - we get pushed back and look at everything as a cost - western world model put on communities - how can you get us to invest in communities as investment rather than cost?

[REDACTED] Introduce this whanau who spent the last year developing accessible public information platforms - when you put out pānui they put it into Māori sign language or picture form and develop language / communications that meet the needs of our people.

We did this during Covid - health services grabbed our pānui and put it out to everyone - it was accessible to everyone - if accessible to use then everyone gets it - we can help with that - good investment not a cost.

**CR** [REDACTED] - Good and educational korero hearing you speak - 100% agree about the advisory panel - how do we have people who reflect all sectors of Auckland nobody at this table has a disability?

[REDACTED] - a what you are doing today is pretty progressive - we need you to be informed in the job you do - create the forums where you hear us - first time in five years having us here - a bit long - more regularly (hearing form us collectively) goes a long way to help you make informed decisions on our behalf.

[REDACTED] better relationships - pānui to us to encourage that relationship - to be better informed - not every five years. Relationship is what matters. Diversity within the disability community - relationship is the way forward.

[REDACTED] - personal action to provide copy of presentation and notes to CEO, SLT, the Mayor and councillors committee to discuss with leadership team.

[REDACTED].

## Te Roopu Waiora Written Submission

*Presented to the Auckland Council Governing body by Tania Kingi, on behalf of Te Roopu Waiora and 17 representatives of the hauaa community in attendance at the Auckland Town Hall on 24 March 2025*

Te Roopu Waiora is a kaupapa Maaori organisation founded and entirely governed by whaanau hauaa. After a quarter of a century representing Maaori from the disability community in Taamaki Makaurau and in this political climate, it's time to provide some context and rationale that will help important, meaningful decisions to be made.

We're often asked what's the Maaori concept of disability, but as a city... as a country, we don't yet have a handle on the Western view of disability, so that's where we're going to start.

### DISABILITY MODELS

Models are used in the disability sector to explain concepts, define, identify and manage this population.

The oldest and most influential of the disability models is the religious model from Judeo-Christian traditions.

The Old Testament makes biblical references to disability as a curse or punishment inflicted on individuals or their ancestors, to show God's displeasure for doing the devil's work or practicing witchcraft. It's at this point in history, we first see denigration and condemnation of people with disabilities by equating impairments with sin, evil or spiritual deviance.

As we follow this European historical timeline, we come to the Doctrine of Discovery, a series of declarations by popes in the 15th century. The Doctrine gave religious authority for Christian Empires to invade and subjugate non-Christian lands. They imposed their culture and claimed the resources of indigenous peoples without their knowledge and without their consent.

The Doctrine was used when European and British Empires were embarking on wide scale colonial expansion. So people like Columbus, Megallan, Cook and Hobson all considered the Doctrine as their authority to claim and invade indigenous lands and peoples, using the same ideology and source, as the religious model of disability.

How indigenous peoples were described by colonisers is similar to the perception of disabled people by Christian clergy of that time: less than human, sinful, abnormal, deformed, intellectually degenerate.

The same thinking that drove the trans-Atlantic slave trade - where those responsible used passages from the bible to justify their actions. Some indigenous scholars consider that 'slavery was not abolished, it just evolved into colonisation,' and furthermore, that 'disability is a tool of colonisation'.

In England and some parts of America, there were laws against disabled people appearing in public. The Unsightly Beggar Ordinances of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century targeted anyone with an appearance of

disability, even limping, referencing, *'any person who is diseased, maimed, mutilated, or in any way deformed, so as to be an unsightly, disgusting object.'*

## DISABILITY AND THE LAW

This is where the religious model of disability becomes embedded into law. NZ followed suit with the 1882 **Imbecile Passengers Act** that refused entry to: cripples, idiots, lunatics, infirm, blind, deaf and dumb – so through English law, derogatory terms we still hear today, were introduced. The Immigration Restriction Act followed, that banned *'the idiotic, the insane and the contagious.'* A policy that still exists in this country. It's here we see disease and disability considered together, eventually leading to the 'health and disability sector' and the most dominant of the disability models that impacts all aspects of society - that being the medical model.

**The medical model** advocates that the struggle people with disabilities have, is their own fault, *that there's something wrong with them* - through deformity, abnormality, sickness or injury.

The medical model was made popular in the 17th century and was described by scholars as the theory of 'The Abnormals' who need to be fixed, classified and rectified. Judicial bodies and health professionals authorised automatic confinement of the disabled, so institutions were born. Institutionalising people ensured protection of the 'normals' therefore abnormality was to be corrected by any means, a theory that continues to inform medical practice and systemic beliefs today.

An offshoot of the medical model is **the Charity model** which presents the individual as needy or pitiful, desperate to be fixed or cured. Publicly parading children with disabilities in fund-raising events to get donations, is common practice.

Although charities aim to support people with disabilities, some have offended and frustrated those they purport to help. The charity model leads people to believe that the disabled do not contribute to society – further alienating this community and feeding discrimination.

When charity provides people with what they need, society shirks its collective social responsibility for upholding the rights of the disabled. Some advocates believe this is what happened during the pandemic and extreme weather events, with the delay and lack of response to the Maaori disability population. Others believe this community is simply invisible.

To counter the oppressive nature of these definitions, the social model of disability was developed in the 1970s by the disability rights movement, making the distinction between 'impairment' and 'disability'.

Here external factors create the concept of 'disability' for instance, there's no ramp to access the building or a sign language interpreter wasn't booked, so who is it that creates the disability. The way society is organised needs to be changed so that barriers and discrimination are eliminated and whaanau hauaa can participate. We want to acknowledge the organising team from Council for this gathering today, it's not often we get this level of support so that our community can take part in such proceedings, even though our mobility vans couldn't access the civic car park. No reira, ngaa mihi mahana ki a koutou.

The social model moves the state of disability from the individual to the environment. Critics though claim that the idea of disability existing only because of society's failings, doesn't consider the nature of impairment, pain levels or medical needs. Indigenous scholars point out that this model neglects

cultural values, challenging the notion that disability can be solved through accessibility and human rights, at the exclusion of Indigenous bodies of knowledge and practice.

All of these models are Paakeha, and their influence has a very long whakapapa. They have inflicted massive harm on iwi Maaori. Such concepts identify people with disabilities as distinct, separate individuals, which is important to note when considering Te Ao Maaori. There is no evidence among Indigenous bodies of knowledge that the concept of disability existed prior to colonisation.

## TE AO MAAORI

Language expresses how a society thinks. Unlike English, Indigenous languages don't maintain conflicting, opposing hierarchies like he/she, abnormal/normal, disabled and abled. Instead, Indigenous languages are rich in verbs, events and significant happenings, *connecting people on every imaginable sphere*. We can talk to the stars, our mountains, rivers and trees, the living and the dead. English however describes these realms as inanimate, isolated objects, disconnected and separate. You try talking to the dead within the health sector, three guesses where you might end up.

Our language has been forcibly changed. 'Hauaaa' in the modern Maaori dictionary is defined as 'disabled, lame, crippled', but in the Maaori dictionary published in 1844, 'hauaaa' means 'angry'. This makes a lot of sense to us, as the preceding word is 'hau or wind', that we associate with Taawhirimaatea, atua of wind and weather, and whose presence we feel everyday.

## MATARIKI

So thanks to Rangi Matamua, it's now common knowledge among many people, that through anger and rage, Taawhirimaatea tore out his eyes, crushed them and threw them to the chest of his father Ranginui, thereby creating Matariki. Professor Pou Temara reminds us, He atua kaapoo a Taawhirimaatea, our blind deity.

So we use the term whaanau hauaa to acknowledge Taawhirimaatea's power and presence, and the sacrifice made to bring us Matariki. We also recognise the inseparable connection to the most important component of Maaori society, that being whaanau. That's why I get to speak here today.

Whaanau are the anchor to our histories, our traditions, those who have gone before us and those who are yet to come. But the place of whaanau is being destroyed by the importance placed on individualism and independence, the pinnacle of Paakeha society and the disability philosophy.

## HAUTIPUA

The term 'hautipua' describes remarkable beings; who were celebrated, revered and sometimes feared due to the power and skills they possessed. This term applied to a number of tohunga, atua and tiipuna, who are well known in iwi histories.

- Hape of Ihumaatao, acknowledged in famous landmarks in Taamaki such as Karangahape Road;
- Whee from whom all Ngaati Hine descend;
- Pou-kopa and Pou-toomuri, celebrated warriors of Ngaati Awa;
- Turikaatuku, wife of Hongi Hika and instrumental in his war strategies,
- Apanui Ringamutu, eponymous and industrious ancestor of Te Whaanau a Apanui;

- Pukaki of Te Arawa, immortalised in our currency on the face of the 20-cent coin, and whose descendants are now the world champions of Te Matatini.

These are but a few hautipua, who had what we call today 'disabilities'.

Their contributions to their people were valued and their differences embraced and celebrated - not pitied, not denigrated and certainly not vilified. They proudly carried names that described their differences: Hape, Matakerepo, Ringamutu, Pou-kopa and Pou-tomuri. They were connected and inseparable from their whakapapa, their whaanau, their whenua, and their environment. Hence the famous Whanganui whakatauki – ko au te awa, ko te awa, ko au.

A number of matauranga practitioners talk of *pure* conducted with eyes closed and learning skills in complete darkness. Rereata Makiha told us in certain waananga you couldn't graduate until you could master those skills with your eyes closed. The heightening of senses to wairua, our tipuna and the environment is much more acute. No wonder so many of our tohunga were kaapoo.

Finney Davis of Tuhoe describes the tetekura of ancient waka, carved without arms and legs. As limbless guardians of waka, leading incredibly difficult journeys, the symbolism and meaning of tetekura is not lost on whaanau tinana and waka turu, who are here today and in our roopu, are our wayfinders.

As a colonised people though, we now have a jagged, frayed view of the world. We have separate views of ourselves and we sit in forums like this all too often challenging and competing, instead of cooperating. Divide and rule is a powerful strategy because unfortunately it still works. In spite of this, our community belongs to Taamaki Makaurau, and the value we bring is yet to be measured – and you, as a governing body, are poorer without us. As are we...Maaori with disabilities have the highest rate of deprivation in this country. Our community has high expectations of Council, we understand how you came to be and where we are positioned as a population.

## OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

So we have come here today to ask, what are you prepared to do to maximise the contributions of our community to make this city genuinely inclusive and iconic?

This is more than universal design. This is *inclusive design, that*:

- (1) creates Maaori relevant, accessible communications
- (2) improves public and community facilities,
- (3) builds a more informed, competent workforce,
- (4) and establishes a national marae for all in Taamaki Makaurau, designed entirely by whaanau hauaa.

These are the pukenga, or skills we have to offer. And just like our work with Te Matatini, we thrive as whaanau hauaa, so all peoples can participate, celebrate and deepen their awareness and knowledge.

So this koorero explores why indigenous peoples, prior to colonisation, had no concept of disability or its negative connotations. Disability, ableism, individualism and independence are concepts from and imposed on us by Te Ao Pakeha. They are divisive, they are destructive, they do not belong. The concept of Disability has no place in Te Ao Maaori - and we implore you as Council, as

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We look forward to working with you, tena koutou katoa.

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**Tell us here**

# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #1 Tonui Consulting

## Feedback from Māori entities

**Representative:** [REDACTED] **Tonui) me** [REDACTED] **(Mana Futures)**

**Identify: Mataawaka**

*Notes from verbal presentation to Annual Budget discussion.*

[REDACTED] provided opening mihi.

[REDACTED] provided a mihi in return to Richards opening.

[REDACTED] Chair of meeting AC

15 Minute time allocation

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Tonui Consulting

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## What else is important to you?

Transcript – *Not a complete record of meeting.*

Representative - [REDACTED] Kaiwhakahaere Tonui Consultancy

Support - [REDACTED]

We work with 100s of Māori businesses and schools and support rangatahi into employment.

This presentation is around three opportunities – Start with overall on our thoughts.

### **Annual Budget:**

Highly supportive of plan

One firm comment – If our lands are well, our people are well, if our lands are sick our people are sick.

### **Sustainability/ Environment:**

We support efforts to create sustainability in our environment wholeheartedly.

### **Bed Levy impact:**

We support promoting Auckland through major events.

Latest statistics – Māori population growing at 14% v 5% rest of NZ increase.

We have a young population – entrepreneurship is growing – tamariki are interested in innovation rather than traditional work pathways.

6000 Māori businesses in Auckland a majority are started by under 25s.

### **Bed Levy impact: Māori Tourism:**

A number of businesses are contributing to Māori tourism – valued at \$21 billion across the Motu.

### **Bed Levy impact: Major Events.**

We highly support a bed night levy if we can have major events here.

Events are fundamental to our own growth.

Growth is important to our people.

### **Rates and Charges:**

Rates Fees and charges – as a person – we own multiple properties and pay multiple rates – we are supportive but encourage mindfulness on wasteful spending.

Māori business investment should be included.

Recommend more funds disbursed out to suburbs instead of just the current central city focus.

### **Transport:**

Investment into transport - be mindful of our suburbs as well (not just the city).

Our people live there (suburbs – South and East).

### **Māori Business:**

As a business – the major category (contributing to GDP) is professional and administrative services & property – both popular with Māori – our asset base is growing for Māori.

Consistent services to Iwi are critical.

### **Local Boards Fairer funding.**

We strongly support this – funding closer to services on the ground – continuity of service must be maintained. Local Boards must be given power to work with Māori Pakahi – (Māori Business).

Continue to provide capacity grants to community services that support Māori.

**Councillor Questions:**

██████████ – Q: Bed night tax - you fully support events – legislation may not get across the line in time – any thoughts? – are you open to rates increase re if legislation does not pass?

██████████ **Response:** - (We) would like to see as much support from pakahi and rangatahi to rally behind you to get legislation done – if needed. Depending on % increase to ratepayers – the economic benefit to the city is warranted – but would have to go back to our population to ask first. GDP increases with positive marketing, leverage for cultural tourism fully supportive yes (of increase if needed).

██████████ – Comment: *Land, language and Tiriti will remain.* Māori tourism = \$21 billion – majority of that contribution comes from here in Tamaki. Fighting hard to keep Māori Outcomes budget where it is. 15,000 Māori employed in Tamaki.

██████████ – Mana Futures

One support what T██████ has shared – I follow her lead.

I sit to represent Tonui but many Māori – particularly Rangatahi – not supported as strong as should be. I run NZQA Rangatahi programme – focus on stopping youth killing themselves and support the future of Māori.

Gave his NRL and aviation and business background post football.

My experience – tika ahau – not greatest (re grants and funding support for rangatahi programmes) We have put in submissions for support – received positive response re a small grant – we were sent email 30 minutes later that council had made a mistake – that is quite poor.

In 2024 we delivered support to 140 rangatahi south Auckland and West and Orakei –

Mihi to Roger Dalton for funding support (TPK) – 67% of our students went on to employment. Now in 2025 – we now have \$0 support (from Govt or other sources) kia ora.

**Councillor** ██████████ – Q: – Finding your own solutions re mental health – Q: how big a difference can it make to transform lives if ground level responses are given adequate support?

██████████ **response** – Mana Futures : J██████ – On behalf – my experiences – we understand the hardship that Māori have – I too was a rangatahi – although years ago –We developed an accredited NZQA programme over the last six years – missing element – youth need to be inspired – to believe in themselves – it is their birthright – build self-confidence – we are passionate – we know what works – more support would be fantastic. More support for rangatahi encouraged.

**Councillor** ██████████ – Q: To T██████ – Uplifting submission and aspirations – Q on the rates differential – could you break down support for a rates increase – your view on current differential – between residential and commercial properties currently – is residential / commercial equitable –

██████████ **Response:** I don't think it is equitable – a lot of commercial property is empty right now – businesses are struggling to find ways to pay their loans – this should be looked at. Any increase must be justifiable – not wasteful spend – regulated – those rates need to be justified. Land/ Safety/ our people are well.

**Councillor** [REDACTED] – Comment – Council leadership – Not stepping back from Māori Outcomes.

**[REDACTED] Response:** Outcomes needed

Rangatahi feel whakama Business Māori – what can we do to prioritize, celebrate, and increase economic outcomes?

Diminishment of mana – in contrast – our rangatahi are coming out fighting – more vocal on submissions, protest for what they believe in – Toitu te tangata – what might come and go Q: (Government) our people will always be here – we will support business wherever we can

Te Matatini is a good example of economic outcomes for Maori culture– support is massive – spend is massive – anything that works to increase awareness of Auckland as a marketing, destination supports continuity of services – improves services like rail links. We need more marketing efforts – business is small so council can get in behind increase visibility.

**Councillor** [REDACTED] Q: – how can we be a partner – investment partner re events? (Funding events) is a hard conversation, people generally unsure.

**[REDACTED] response** -come along to our next Strength programme – not just a database – come in get involved with Māori kaupapa organisations.

**[REDACTED]** - comment - Would like to see groups like yours showing rangatahi how to play the game.

**Councillor** [REDACTED]: Q Are you noticing that shift in investment and the impact on our people. (Referring to LTP outcomes).

**[REDACTED] Response:** City link to airport – what business would that impact ?– could be more done? – Marketing efforts in CBD are louder – businesses we work with are at the smaller ends of town - south and west – (in the suburb businesses) are closing – less foot traffic. Glenn Inness – businesses are closing due to constant traffic cones and transport issues.



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

See attached:

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- ☐ No strategy to ensure transport investment benefits rural and underserved mana whenua communities.
- ☐ Failure to embed mana whenua governance in water infrastructure or uphold Te Mana o te Wai.
- ☐ Fairer funding lacks targeted investment for iwi-led social, cultural, economic and environmental initiatives.
- ☐ Rates increase will disproportionately impact mana whenua whaanau with no clear benefits.
- ☐ Capital expenditure plans lack transparency and alignment with our aspirations.

### 3.1.2 Recommendations

1. Embed co-governance in infrastructure planning.
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Support

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- ☐ Tourism investment should reflect manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga.
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**3.2.2 Recommendations for Improvement**

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- ☐ Refuse Targeted Rates (RTR) may disproportionately impact low-income and rural households.
- ☐ Investment must prioritise waste minimisation and community-led solutions.
- ☐ Rural properties require flexible services or exemptions.

**3.3.2 Recommendations for Improvement**

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### **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?**

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.**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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?**

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**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

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)**

## 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?

**Support most**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **Henderson-Massey 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?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**



**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

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

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

#### **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**

## **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**

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)****3.4.1 Recommendations**

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

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)**

## **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**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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?**

Support most

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

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)**

#### **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?**

Support most

**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)**

#### **3.4.1 Recommendations**

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.

- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

**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?**

Support most

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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?**

Support most

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

#### **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?**

Support most

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Māori based health and social services.

**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?**

Support most

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

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?**

Support most

**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**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.

- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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?**

Support most

**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)**

3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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**

**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)**



### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

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)**

#### 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?**

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**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

#### **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?**

Support most

#### **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)**

##### **3.4.1 Recommendations**

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.

- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

## **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 most

### **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)**

3.4.1 Recommendations

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are 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)**

## **Whau 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?**

**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)**

#### 3.4.1 Recommendations

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## **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**

See Attached

#### 3.5.1 Key Issues

- Lack of formal governance roles for Ngaati Whanaunga.
- Insufficient transparency on mana whenua funding.
- Cultural assets are at risk of disposal without consent.

#### 3.5.2 Recommendations

1. Establish Ngaati Whanaunga representation in Auckland Future Fund governance.
2. Improve reporting on mana whenua outcome investments.

3. Ensure cost savings do not impact iwi services.
4. Seek Ngaati Whanaunga consent before selling or repurposing culturally significant assets.

Ngaati Whanaunga fully supports the Tuupuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan, which affirms our role as kaitiaki and strengthens governance over our ancestral maunga



## Auckland Council Annual Budget 2025/2026

### Submission from Ngaati Whanaunga

**Iwi Name:** Ngaati Whanaunga

**Date:** 28 March 2025

**Submitted by:** [REDACTED], Chair

**On behalf of:** Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society

## 1 Background

### 1.1 Our Whakapapa

Ngaati Whanaunga is an independent iwi comprising several distinct hapuu and whaanau. Whanaunga's father Marutuuahu, is the ancestor of the Marutuuahu confederation of tribes in Pare Hauraki. These iwi descend from Marutuuahu's marriages to Paremoehau and Hinerunga, daughters of Ruahiore from Ngaati Pou (Te Uri o Poutukeka) of Wharekawa and Taamaki.

Their children became the ancestors of Tamatepoo, Tamateraa, Whanaunga, Te Ngako and Taurakapakapa – each the founding tuupuna of iwi within the Marutuuahu collective, including Ngaati Whanaunga.

### 1.2 Our Rohe

Our rohe is described in the whakatauki "*Mai Matakana ki Matakana*," describing the vast extent of our ancestral lands - from the sunken reefs of Ngaa Kuri-a-Wharei near Matakana Island in the south; through Taamaki isthmus, Takapuna, Whangaparaoa, and Mahurangi, up to the Matakana River estuary in the north. Our western boundary reaches Mount Te Aroha, through the Huunua and Te Hapu-a-Kohe ranges, to Moumoukai and Papakura. Our rohe includes the Taamaki volcanic cones & spans multiple Auckland Council Local Board areas.

### 1.3 Our Strategic Direction & Priorities

Our mission is to enhance the wellbeing of our people - now and for future generations – through sustainable management of our resources. This is encapsulated in our vision:

*"Ngaati Whanaunga – Healthy and Prosperous People, Whaanau & Hapuu, Business and Environment."*

Our priorities include ensuring the long-term wellbeing and enhancement of our lands, waters, ecosystems, cultural heritage, and sites of significance. These places uphold our identity, connect us to our tuupuna, and reinforce our belonging in Taamaki Makaurau.



## **2 Introduction**

Ngaati Whanaunga welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2025/2026.

As mana whenua, we seek a budget that upholds Te Tiriti o Waitangi, recognises our role as kaitiaki, and delivers tangible investment into iwi-led initiatives. While we acknowledge Auckland Council's efforts, we urge stronger partnership through shared governance, transparent investment, and equitable resourcing.

This submission is offered in the spirit of constructive partnership and shared responsibility for the wellbeing of Taamaki Makaurau.

## **3 Our Feedback**

### **3.1 Question 1: Our Overall Position on the Annual Budget 2025/2026**

**Response:** Do Not Support Most

#### **3.1.1 Key Issues**

- Lack of a Ngaati Whanaunga-centric approach (Aua koorero raano)
- No strategy to ensure transport investment benefits rural and underserved mana whenua communities.
- Failure to embed mana whenua governance in water infrastructure or uphold Te Mana o te Wai.
- “*Fairer funding*” lacks targeted investment for iwi-led social, cultural, economic and environmental initiatives.
- Rates increase will disproportionately impact mana whenua whaanau with no clear benefits.
- Capital expenditure plans lack transparency and alignment with our aspirations.

#### **3.1.2 Recommendations**

1. Embed co-governance in infrastructure planning.
2. Ensure all Auckland Council funded projects align with Te Tiriti o Waitangi and support iwi outcomes.
3. Fund the protection of Te Mana o te Wai and integration of maatauranga Maaori.
4. Prioritise accessible, affordable public transport for underserved communities.
5. Strengthen transparency and accountability for debt-funded investments.

#### **3.1.3 Conclusion**

While we support investment in Auckland's resilience, the Annual Budget does not reflect Ngaati Whanaunga leadership, values or priorities. A genuine Te Tiriti based partnership requires our inclusion in all planning and funding decisions.

**3.2 Question 2: Destination Management and Major Events**

Response: Support Most

**3.2.1 Key Issues**

- Funding has historically favoured large-scale events over Ngaati Whanaunga/Mana Whenua-led cultural initiatives.
- Ngaati Whanaunga must be involved in destination management governance.
- Tourism investment should reflect manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga.
- Access to venues and promotional platforms must be made available.

**3.2.2 Recommendations for Improvement**

1. Ring-fence funding for Ngaati Whanaunga-led cultural and environmental initiatives.
2. Embed Ngaati Whanaunga in governance and decision-making structures.

**3.2.3 Conclusion**

We support the bed night visitor levy if it ensures equitable investment, shared governance, and prioritises iwi-led tourism, heritage, and environmental initiatives.

**3.3 Question 3A: Changes to Other Rates, Fees, and Charges**

Response: Support Most

**3.3.1 Key Issues**

- Refuse Targeted Rates (**RTR**) may disproportionately impact low-income and rural households.
- Investment must prioritise waste minimisation and community-led solutions.
- Rural properties require flexible services or exemptions.

**3.3.2 Recommendations for Improvement**

1. Include hardship provisions for vulnerable households.
2. Prioritise funding for composting, recycling, and resource recovery.
3. Provide exemptions for whaanau managing their own waste.
4. Ensure transparency in the use of RTRs.

**3.3.3 Conclusion**

Ngaati Whanaunga supports a consistent, sustainable waste management system if it is fair, culturally responsive, and invests in waste minimisation and resource recovery.

**3.4 Question 4: Local Board Priorities**

Response: Support Most

**3.4.1 Recommendations**

- Engage directly and frequently with Ngaati Whanaunga in planning and decisions.
- Support iwi capacity building.
- Invest in iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives.
- Enhance support for kaupapa Maaori based health and social services.

**3.5 Question 5: Other Matters – A Well-Managed Local Government****Response:** Support Most**3.5.1 Key Issues**

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- Insufficient transparency on mana whenua funding.
- Cultural assets are at risk of disposal without consent.

**3.5.2 Recommendations**

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2. Improve reporting on mana whenua outcome investments.
3. Ensure cost savings do not impact iwi services.
4. Seek Ngaati Whanaunga consent before selling or repurposing culturally significant assets.

**3.5.3 Conclusion**

Ngaati Whanaunga supports many of Auckland Council's financial management initiatives. However, to uphold Te Tiriti, Auckland Council must adopt a governance model that is transparent, equitable and inclusive of mana whenua.

**3.5.4 Question 5: Other Matters - Tuupuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan****Response:** Support

Ngaati Whanaunga fully supports the Tuupuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan, which affirms our role as kaitiaki and strengthens governance over our ancestral maunga.

**4 Summary and Conclusions**

Ngaati Whanaunga appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2025/2026. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with Auckland Council and the Local Boards across our rohe.

Our submission highlights consistent priorities:

- The need for co-governance and Te Tiriti based partnerships.
- Improved transparency and accountability in funding and decision-making.
- Greater investment in iwi-led housing, tourism, environmental, and cultural initiatives
- Support for initiatives such as the Refuse Targeted Rates, Local Board priorities, and the Tuupuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan, provided they are appropriately resourced and reflect Ngati Whanaunga/Mana whenua leadership.

We remain committed to working constructively to shape a resilient, equitable, and culturally grounded future for Taamaki Makaurau. We welcome the opportunity to meet directly with Auckland Council representatives to discuss the matters raised in this submission.

Ngaa mihi,



Chair

Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society

# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable): Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea

Local Board: Regional Organisation

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 builds on our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP).

The annual plan focuses on getting on with strengthening the financial and physical resilience of Auckland, while investing where it is needed most to manage growth. In 2025/2026, that includes prioritising investment in:

- transport
- water
- and fairer funding for local communities

It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

See attached:

These priorities do not align with mana whenua aspirations.

Investment based on population and size of the Local Board will place further burden on Aotea than almost every other area because we have compounding costs due to our isolation. They are leaders in environmental work

Sustainability – need help with power supply options, fuel, cost of living, overfishing, kauri dieback, Caulerpa,

Did not quite align with our aspirations – in particular environment and services investment needs to be higher.

Greater representation for mana whenua at the Local Board level needed

LB makes decisions on where funding goes – wealth South vs poverty north – most investment goes to the south – address deprivation in the North.

Mana whenua needs and concerns need to be heard and ratified by providing seats at the decision-making table. The iwi with around 3,500 registered beneficiaries who cannot return home due to cost-of-living and gentrification are silenced by those who can afford to reside on Aotea.

Aotea roading up north is unsealed – safety for those walking and driving. In the South investing in new roads for holiday homes. No public transport options. Singular monopolised ferry option. Poor roads lead to very expensive damage to cars. Increased cost to Māori.

Auckland Transport benefits aren't benefitting them on Aotea.

Forward thinking of decarbonised ferries – but no ferry under AT currently goes to Aotea.

Noted: Potholes on gravel roads

## **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**

See attached:

Tourism and environmentalism are two main sources of economic activity

## **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)*

See attached:

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Aotea/Great Barrier

### **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**

**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)**

See attached:

Local Board Priorities:

Some of the Aotea Local Board priorities – we are looking at Local Board proposed funding our feeling as mana whenua is they did not quite align with our aspirations – in particular environment and services investment needs to be higher.

Questions the Local Board marine education proposal. questions what will that look like? – General education needs to be prioritised – There is no high school on the island –therefore to send our tamariki to school can be expensive for our whanau.

Marine biosecurity – big problem for Aotea – MPI control notice creates a burden on the economy – we are really stressed and concerned – whanau livelihood could be lost due to biosecurity impact – does not align with our aspirations consultation needed.

Rangatahi and whanau access to education

Lack of educational resourcing – big problem desperately need help - looking at a charter school.

Hauora – Health – mental health

Low access to health resources – there have been 3 suicides among their whanau on the island in three months. Need desperate help on Aotea – only have Aotea health clinic – limited in what they can do.

Housing

Lack of available affordable housing – whanau are living in cars.

Gentrification and expensive holiday living.

Our whanau live up north - where it is mostly Crown land – south property now costs millions.

Basic needs – food access – food cost – fuel cost

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Minimal access to power supply options – rely on generators - however petrol cost \$4 per litre – one person holds a monopoly on fuel – if you have (can afford) one solar panel it does not last long during short winter days.

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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**



# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #4 Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea

## Feedback from Māori entities

**Representative:** [REDACTED] – **Trustee - Online**

**Identify: Mana whenua**

*Notes from verbal presentation to Annual Budget discussion.*

[REDACTED] provided opening mihi.

[REDACTED] provided response in return

[REDACTED] Chair of meeting AC

15 minute time allocation

- **Noted:** Some of the Aotea Local Board priorities did not quite align with our aspirations – in particular environment and services investment needs to be higher.
- **Noted:** Questions the Local Board marine education proposal. General education needs to be prioritised – There is no high school on the island – therefore to send our tamariki to school on the mainland can be expensive for our whānau.
- **Noted:** Marine biosecurity MPI control notice creates a burden on the economy and their sources of income / careers on the line. Does not align with our aspirations. Strong consultation needed.
- **Noted:** there is no supermarket on the island – cost of food – if needed urgently, food is flown in making it very expensive.

## Overall direction for Annual Budget

Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	<b>Do not Support</b> “These priorities do not align with mana whenua aspirations.” Investment based on population and size of the Local Board will place further burden on Aotea than almost every other area because we have compounding costs due to our isolation”.
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<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<b>Not stated – implied Support</b> Tourism and environmentalism are two main sources of economic activity

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## What else is important to you?

Transcript – *Not a complete record of meeting.*

Representative - [REDACTED]

**See Strategic Plan with 7 Pou.**

Calling in from Wellington – About Aotea and our environment we work hard to protect it. Our environment and mahi makes a huge contribution to our economy.

We lead in many areas – we lead in addressing Kauri dieback and the Caulerpa crisis – birthplace of those two issues. We work to keep our whenua safe.

### **Local Board Priorities:**

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### **Issues facing Ngati Rehua**

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Low cultural capability.

## **Summarise – CCOs –**

### **Transport**

AT huge investment in roading and infrastructure has benefit only mainland –

Aotea roading up north is unsealed. In the South investing in new roads for holiday homes. Poor roads lead to very expensive damage to cars. Increased cost to Māori.

Noted: Potholes on gravel roads

Requested: De carbonise ferries – no ferry to Aotea Island.

### **Environment**

Investment changes – Transport v environment – Environmental services accounts for a lot of work on the Island.

### **Māori Outcomes**

Māori Outcomes and CCOs – no complaint looks really good – happy with how things have been going.

Amazing job – Nga Mātārae have been doing looks really good – future looks good.

### **Local Board changes/ challenges –**

Equality v equity – 89% pop 15% deprivation 5 % areas.

Compounding issues – freight cost, damage to cars – we feel overinvestment in population should be geared toward deprivation as the poorest area in Auckland and job opportunities are needed – Health issues arise due to run on health effects such as suicide. Lack of on Island support for these issues.

Power, health education off grid living any help that comes with that would be good – suitable power source needed.

### **Representation at LB level**

LB makes decisions on where funding goes – wealth South poverty north – most investment goes to the south – address deprivation in the North.

Whanau reside in the north – greater representation needed. 3500 beneficiaries can't afford to live on Aotea. People who can afford to live there make the decisions further pushing us out.

**Greg Sayers** – Statement: Important information South V North differentiation – Blind Road upgrade – (South) Deprivation % creates a pool the board gets – opportunity to advocate to the board on priority spending – are representatives of the Iwi getting in front of local board enough? more energy applied to –

**Tasman Higgins:** –We have a good relationship and work closely with Izzy – difficult working within two different lived experiences – sometimes not fully understood how difficult it is to live in the north on the reservation – I stress LB are great – however in addressing our needs there is a cultural and cognisance dissonance.

**Presentation content****Ngati Rehua Ngati Wai****Aotea**

- Population as of June 2024 1,230 people.
- 18% Māori population.
- Tourism and environmentalism are two main sources of economic activity.
- In 2023-24, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park saw approximately 2.24 million visitor days, a 2% increase from the previous year, though still slightly lower than the pre-pandemic average.
- The island is entirely off-grid, relying on renewable solar power and collection of freshwater.
- Boasts a night sky sanctuary.
- Hot water natural springs.
- A popular destination for diving, fishing, surfing, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, camping and stargazing.
- Great Barrier is home to 11 Endemic taonga species.
- Birthplace of kauri die-back and Caulerpa (though now disputed with Northland)
- Rat and cats prevalent
- We have the potential to be world leaders on the international environment stage - zero waste, carbon free, pest free, wildlife sanctuary, etc.
- IUCN sites Islands as very special cases in terms of biodiversity conservation.

**Aotea Local Board Proposed Funding**

- These priorities do not align with mana whenua aspirations.
- Mana whenua have an issue with the amount of investment, which is highlighted later.
- Environmental services need to be higher to reflect the image and opportunity that Aotea has to be world leading.
- Issue with a marine education, where general education is urgently sought for our tamariki and rangatahi.
- Marine biosecurity has already placed a heavy burden on Aotea, heavily impacting businesses, cultural rights and responsibilities, and social activities.

**Issues facing Aotea for Mana Whenua**

- Lack of educational resourcing
- Low access to health resources, very high suicide rates amongst our whānau living on Aotea.
- Lack of available and affordable housing.
- Lack of access to food due to overfishing and a Controlled Area Notice and expensive freight costs for shipping.

- Minimal access to power supply options (solar power) due to costs and incredibly high fuel costs (\$4/L) to run generators.
- Low cultural capability uplift and investment.

## Council-Controlled Organisations

- Auckland Transport
- There is a big investment into roading and infrastructure, but the changes only benefit mainland Auckland. Aotea still has many unsealed roads, which causes faster wear and tear on vehicles and costs for residents.
- Decarbonise Ferries
- What impact will this have on prices of ferries for an island that relies on ferries and planes for transportation?
- Investment Changes
- The disparity in investment between transport and environment has a big impact on Aotea where environmental services is one of the largest contributors to the Aotea economy.

## Māori Outcomes and CCO

- We work across Auckland Council with various teams to deliver multiple kaupapa relevant to Aotea and our whānau.
- Overall, our relationship with these various teams is very positive and how they engage with us as an iwi and recognise our mana.
- Further to this, Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea recently met with Ngā Mātārae to discuss their objectives and enhancing our relationship.
- Overall, this was a pleasant and positive experience. The objectives outlined in the Ngā Mātārae kaupapa aligned to the priorities we have as an iwi.
- The changes proposed here for Māori Outcomes and CCO look good overall, and we look forward to seeing how it gets implemented.
- Great wording and looks awesome!

## Local Board Changes

- **Equality versus Equity:**
- Aotea and mana whenua struggle to find paid employment or contracts due to lack of access to fundamental resources such as education, power, health, etc.
- Investment based on population and size of the Local Board will place further burden on Aotea than almost every other area because we have compounding costs due to our isolation.
- One of the worst economies in the Auckland region due to underinvestment and pillaging at a national level.
- Greater representation for mana whenua at the Local Board level
- Mana whenua needs and concerns need to be heard and ratified by providing seats at the decision-making table. A Whānau with around 3,500 registered beneficiaries who cannot

return home due to cost-of-living and gentrification are silenced by those who can afford to reside on Aotea.

# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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- and fairer funding for local communities

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

Other

### Tell us why

See attached:



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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**

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*(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?**

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

### **Henderson-Massey 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?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

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

See attached

Henderson Massey – Rangatahi and kaumatua programmes – womb to tomb support – Te Kete Rukuruku – happens on our Marae – education for everybody – our disengaged, our disengaged rangatahi - our rangatahi who are challenged - they all feel included here and they have a place to go.

## **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.

### **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)**

See attached:

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Co-invest in existing programmes and infrastructure – we are facing sewage issues due to water infrastructure that needs upgrading. 448 West Coast Road - available for programmes.

Anything Māori led ensure we agree at the decision-making table – disservice to our hapori when we are not included –

Develop Whare Wananga.

Unlock the potential of our economic development opportunities at 448 West Coast Road (Currently vacant)

## **Whau 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?**

**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)**

See attached:

Whau – youth aspirations – looking for a youth coordinator – we have a hub and at 4448 West Coast Road five buildings – no longer in use sitting vacant – we could use that space.

## **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**

# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #8 Hoani Waititi Marae

## Feedback from Māori entities

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**Identify:** Mataawaka

*Notes from verbal presentation to Annual Budget discussion.*

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## Overall direction for Annual Budget

Hoani Waititi Marae

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	<b>Supported</b> Seek a role in delivery of services west.
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<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<b>Not discussed</b>
<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	<b>Support</b> Our Marae strategic priorities align tightly with Auckland Council's goals across our proudly serving three local boards. Together, we see an opportunity to deepen and formalise a partnership that leverages shared values and delivers meaningful outcomes.
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### Faye Peke

Call us a really great Māori outcome – Whare kura o Hoane Waititi Marae – what it has done for us (as locals) and continues to do . The relationship between us helps us do all this good mahi.

Te Hira Paenga is now our new Principal of the kura kaupapa.

We will give you a feel of us out there – currently raukura (graduate) – born – bred – raised through our Kura Kaupapa - every Chair on every board is raukura - We have come full circle – this is the

success of Hoani Waititi Marae. We have a moral responsibility to give back to this Marae – investing in our people.

Despite all we achieved over five decades – there remains a lack of resourcing and support. We know how to run anything off of nothing – however we need real backing – real support.

Programmes we run include Youth justice, Whanau Ora, a lot of fruitful kaupapa. We are making significant change in the community - strong kohanga reo – Te Kahu Kaumatua Kura Kaupapa – we are now a living intergenerational community.

Real support and partnership is needed – real co-governance.

Presentation – introducing Te Angitu – four strategic goals

- Whanau Wellbeing – wellbeing through service delivery
- Organisation sustainability – financial sustainability
- Stakeholder engagement – strong relationships
- Waitititanga – community connection

What council wants to deliver on its already done at Waititi Marae.

Resource us to deliver the kaupapa we are already delivering on.

Sustainable funding –

Our strategic priorities for Waitakere Ranges – they align – living breathing Taiao

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██████████ - Awesome to hear – really supportive of your outcomes.

We are doing work with Hoani Waititi across three boards – spending time and running meetings there – LBs support ██████████'s role through funding. Aware of challenges faced in the community re housing. Met with ██████████ and ██████████ regarding a capacity grant. ██████████ is leading those discussions. Bearing in mind resourcing across 271 thousand Māori in Auckland and all the 19 Iwi and mataawaka organisations we work with there are many opportunities for us to work with you.

We will work towards the capacity grant first – then look at other opportunities.

Presentation provided.



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**Local board priorities**

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

**Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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?**

**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)**

See attached

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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)**

**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**

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Key Priorities:

Te Mana Motuhake o Te Ahiwaru:

Upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations.

Embedding tangata whenua leadership in council processes.

Supporting Māori economic development.

Waahi Tapu/Waahi Taonga:

Protecting and managing significant cultural sites like Ootuatua Stonefields.

Halting overdevelopment near sensitive landscapes.

Ensuring non-invasive archaeological practices.

Toituu Te Taiao:

Restoring and protecting natural systems.

Investing in waterway and ecological restoration.

Supporting pest management and ngahere regeneration.

Hoki Whenua Mai:

Creating pathways for the return of land to ahi kaa.

Involving Te Ahiwaru in land acquisition and management processes.

Oranga Whaanau:

Supporting papakāinga housing development.

Ensuring fair council investment in South Auckland.

# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #9 Te Ahiwaru

## Feedback from Māori entities

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## Overall direction for Annual Budget

### Te Ahiwaru

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	<b>Not specific</b> – but generally supportive of council Te Ahiwaru relationships
<b>Environment - Sustainability</b>	<b>Supportive</b> Seeking resources for Otuataua Stonefield's and other environmental restoration work
<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<b>Not mentioned</b>
<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	<b>Not mentioned</b> Commented on Ngahere strategy – needs inclusion in the plan
<b>Rates and Charges</b>	<b>Not mentioned</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>Support</b> for traffic calming and improved safety for whanau

## What else is important to you?

[REDACTED] – Kaimahi Te Ahiwaru Trust

Te Ahiwaru takes our role seriously to ensure this plan upholds Tiriti o Waitangi and our ahi ka within it.

Based on our current workload we have not had capacity to wananga and fully feedback on Annual plan. We welcome opportunity to share **our** framework as ahi ka in Tamaki Makaurau. We offer this in good spirit and seek action on balance and equity.

### **Te Ahiwaru priorities**

Mana Motuhake – uphold Te Tiriti obligations

Fit for purpose protocols across council.

- Inclusion of Te Ahiwaru
- Visibility of Te Ahiwaru identity
- Economic development and Māori procurement policies.

### **Wahi Tapu and Wahi Taonga – Otuataua Stonefield's**

Secondly – our wahi tapu and wahi taonga – you / we must increase management and protection for Otuataua Reserve and other taonga – resourcing must reflect their status and nationally important lands and landscapes.

### **Toi Tu te Taiao**

We seek restoration, budgets to support restoration of our waterways.

Partner with us on restoration and water quality – pest management and progressing the Mangere Ngahere strategy – needs inclusion in the plan – Restore our native ecosystems – priorities flooding and stormwater infrastructure in Mangere and Hoki Whenua mai – meaningful return of whenua to ahi ka.

### **Procurement**

Procurement design and long-term management – involved in site selection and care – see these lands returned co governance – returned to ahi ka.

Transparent and just process

### **Oranga Whanau - Transport**

We want our people to live well, safely in our own rohe – support papakainga investment and targeted funding – support for traffic calming within Papakainga –

### ***Opportunity :***

***Our pa is the oldest living papakainga in Auckland Area.***

Ensure whanau receive a fair share of investment – education, housing and public infrastructure.

Encourage you to go beyond consultation shared responsibility with us – our voices are heard and empowered.

**Questions to Council from [REDACTED]** How was Nathan homestead prioritised? – why was Ngahere strategy not included? – appreciate a response in the near future.

**[REDACTED]** – Rangatahi query – Ahi Waru have worked with others on our Rangatahi in education and vocational pathways

██████ - We have advocated for further support for those kaupapa – want to work alongside Māori led organisations – who operate in our rohe to ensure alignment with Te Ahiwaru aspirations. We will invite Nga Mātārae back to our whare to present our framework and governing body regarding our framework. Invite council to work with us to achieve our aspirations within our rohe.

██████████ - Acknowledged Council – past such requests would have been 100% no – we have come a long way.



**Oral Submission – Te Ahiwaru Trust  
Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026**

**Submitted by: Te Ahiwaru Trust**

Ko Mataoho te tupua  
Ko Hape te tohunga  
Ko Kaiwhare te taniwha  
Ko Tainui te waka  
Ko Te Maanukanuka oo Hoturoa te moana  
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Teenee koutou e te Kaunihera o Taamaki Makaurau,  
Ko au te reo e kawe ana i ngaa whakaaro o Te Ahiwaru Trust – ngaa uri o Te Ahiwaru ngaa kaitiaki tuku iho o Te Ihu o Mataoho, o te Manukau, o te taiwhenua kei te tonga o Taamaki Makaurau.

We acknowledge this opportunity to speak to the Auckland Council Annual Plan for 2025/2026. Te Ahiwaru plays a crucial role in ensuring that this plan upholds Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and protects the interests of tangata whenua – especially in the context of our rohe and our aspirations as ahi kaa within our rohe.

Firstly, I extend our apologies on behalf of our General Manager, [REDACTED], who unfortunately became unwell last night and is therefore unable to attend and deliver this oral submission, which she was very much looking forward to presenting today.

Secondly, I wish to be transparent in acknowledging that, due to current workload pressures, we have not had the capacity to thoroughly review, waananga, and provide the level of feedback on the Annual Plan that we would have ideally intended. As such, today's submission is intentionally light and brief.

However, we would welcome the opportunity in the near future to present to you the Te Ahiwaru Ahi Kaa Framework, which articulates and actualises our collective aspirations in a way that reaffirms our mana motuhake and ongoing presence as ahi kaa in Taamaki Makaurau.

We offer this submission in the spirit of kaupapa Maaori partnership, and we call for action that reflects more than consultation, we seek action that restores balance, equity, and tino rangatiratanga. Our submission is grounded in our Te Ahiwaru Ahi Kaa Framework which is underpinned by five high-level priorities.

**1. Te Mana Motuhake o Te Ahiwaru**

We seek a plan that genuinely upholds Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations, affirms Te Ahiwaru identity, and embeds tangata whenua leadership across all council processes. This includes:

- Developing fit-for-purpose protocols with Council under mana whakahono arrangements to enact our mana motuhake.
- Inclusion of Te Ahiwaru in decision-making for all policy and spatial planning that affects our rohe.
- Visibility of Te Ahiwaru identity in the landscape through signage, storytelling, and wayfinding.
- Support for Maaori economic development as a pathway to financial sustainability – including Maaori procurement policies, whaanau-led enterprise support, and career pathways for rangatahi.

## **2. Waahi Tapu/Waahi Taonga**

Our commitment to our tuupuna and taonga tuku iho must be reflected in Council’s plan and investment. We urge:

- Increased recognition, management and protection for Ootuaataua Stonefields Historic Reserve and surrounding waahi tapu, including Waitomokia, Te Motu a Hiaroa, and Te Puketaapapatanga aa Hape. These taonga tuku iho and waahi tapu must not be compromised. Resourcing must reflect their status as nationally significant sites and management should be led by ahi kaa.
- A halt to overdevelopment near culturally and ecologically sensitive landscapes.
- Greater Council accountability to ensure non-invasive archaeological practice and adherence to Te Ahiwaru cultural monitoring protocols.
- Council to support Te Ahiwaru proposals seeking zoning changes that will see greater protections to our waahi tapu and sites of significance to Te Ahiwaru.

## **3. Toituu Te Taiao**

As kaitiaki, we seek restoration and protection of our natural systems through:

- Stronger policy and budget commitment to protect and restore waterways within the Manukau and the wider rohe of Te Ahiwaru including Ooruarangi awa, Te Ararata, and Harania.
- Investment in cleaning and sustaining these taonga, with Te Ahiwaru as a partner in ecological restoration and water quality programmes.
- Embedding Te Ahiwaru in the delivery of pest management and ngahere regeneration in line with the Maangere Ngahere Strategy. We support the Maangere Ngahere Strategy and advocate for its inclusion in the plan and resourcing and implementation to be led by our community with Te Ahiwaru, ensuring our maatauranga guides this climate action initiative and the restoration of native ecosystems within our rohe.
- Prioritising stormwater and flooding infrastructure in Maangere, where poor systems continue to threaten our people and whenua.
- Support for reclaiming our mahinga kai practices and local food resilience through ecological restoration efforts.

## **4. Hoki Whenua Mai**

Council’s plan must create real and meaningful pathways for the return of whenua to ahi kaa through:

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Our whaanau must be able to live well, safely, and securely in our own rohe. We call on Council to:

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## **In Closing**

Te Ahiwaru Trust is committed to working alongside Auckland Council in ways that uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, honour ahi kaa, and secure enduring outcomes for people and place. We encourage the Council to go beyond consultation and step into true partnership — where shared decisions, shared care, and shared responsibility shape the future of Taamaki Makaurau. We ask that our voices are not only heard – but upheld.

Ngaa mihi maioha,  
Naa Te Ahiwaru Trust

Respectfully I ask two questions regarding the Annual Plan Priorities for South Auckland and the Maangere/Otahuhu Local Board:

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- Why was the Maangere Ngaahere Strategy not included in the priorities for the Maangere/Otahuhu Local Board?

I don't expect anyone to answer that now but would appreciate a response in the near future.

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

Other

### Tell us why

See attached

Centralising control may limit Ngāti Tamaterā's direct influence over urban development projects within their rohe, potentially affecting their ability to exercise kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and participate in decision-making processes. (NPIT written submission)

Iwi engagement in planning and co-governance of projects to ensure that Māori interests are prioritised in decision-making. (NPIT written submission)

Omaru reserve development discussed.

Aligns with Ngāti Tamaterā's role as kaitiaki, offering opportunities to engage in environmental restoration and protection projects that uphold iwi values. (NPIT written submission)

We are committed to ensuring equitable outcomes for Māori across the city.

No decisions about us, without us.

Noted relationship and co management relationship for Omaru reserve with Maungakiekie Tamaki local board needs to be progressed quickly

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Omaru Reserve development planned to be a major event centre and Marae.

We do support the levy however understand the complexities around legislation and urge the council to work closely with iwi to implement shared event outcomes. (NPIT written submission)

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### **Local board priorities**

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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?**

**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)**

See attached:

There are important steps ahead –

Actions Required:

- a new road is required across reserve land – previous planning included a road
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We plan to change the reserve to something special.

The Māori Outcomes fund can help us to some extent.

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This impacts on timing. Staff (Council) have committed to work with us to try and move things forward.

Action Required: We are seeking political support for this shared vision for Omaru Reserve.

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Regards Waiheke Island - Blackpool NPIT acknowledge LB support.

## **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**



# LTP Feedback reporting

Group: #6 Ngāti Pāoa

## Feedback from Māori entities

### Representative: John Hutton and Tipa Compain

#### Identify: Mana whenua

*Notes from verbal presentation to Annual Budget discussion.*

Richard Nahi provided opening mihi.

Tipa Compain provided a mihi in return to Richards opening.

Greg Sayers Chair of meeting AC

15 Minute time allocation

- **Noted:** Submission was largely identifying the needs of the Iwi to progress the proposed Omaru Reserve Papakainga and Marae development – some urgency required to align resource consent process, planning, council reserve management and co-governance arrangements ahead of Ngāti Pāoa settlement due end 2025.
- **Noted:** Seeking political support for this regional project.

## Overall direction for Annual Budget

### Ngati Paoa

<b>What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>  Noted Ngāti Pāoa need for resources, political, co-management structure for Omaru reserve, financial assistance and project assistance to progress Omaru development. Seeking provision by council to support this co-governance reserve development.
<b>CCO Governance reforms</b>	<b>Not specified – some concerns</b>
<b>Environment - Sustainability</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>  Omaru reserve development discussed.
<b>Do you support Bed night visitor levy?</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>  Omaru Reserve development planned to be a major event centre and Marae.
<b>Māori Outcomes Fund Review</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>
<b>Local Board priorities – Fairer Funding</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>

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<b>Rates and Charges</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>  Road connection into Omaru reserve planned and now required – provision for road needs to be planned for the reserve.

## What else is important to you?

### John Hutton

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on AP.

This feedback on behalf of Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust. The vision underpinning the plan – rich array of cultural events, environment enjoyed across the regions – we speak here to descent public services and infrastructure .

Ngāti Pāoa is working through Tiriti settlement process. In 2023 – Auckland Council supported our claims settlement bill.

In March 2024 our claim was supported by parliament – we are optimistic about a third and final reading later this year – three months later we will expect full settlement in late 2025 or early 2026.

Ngāti Pāoa has made great achievements after decades of struggle – one of the first Wai 10 Waiheke Island claims. In 2025 - 40 yrs later our settlement journey is coming to an end – 6402 individuals identify as Ngāti Pāoa –

Setting aside Iwi north and South – we are one of three largest Auckland Iwi by population.

Ngāti Pāoa will become more active economically

This presentation directly relates to Auckland Council.

Three reserves pass to NP – two require co-governance plans

Haukoura Black pool Park and Omaru reserve – and the third at Kawakawa currently administered by Auckland Council. Modest size.

For Ngāti Pāoa the settlement at Omaru reserve is our current focus - due to scale and opportunity to establish a living tribal community on ancestral lands.

Aerial view shown.

This proposed development is the most significant move on the isthmus since 1991.

40.6 hectares – Omaru is a big deal for Auckland Council – 2 hectares for papakainga – sports fields and a centre are already well developed - much of the area is neglected - stream and kikuyu - public currently look at a mowed a paddock with cows.

That the reserve remains underdeveloped reflects the long journey Ngāti Pāoa has been on.

A Management plan in 2005 staff looked at new plans in the middle of Ngāti Pāoa submissions (TOW) and there was a reluctance to take the plan further while waiting for settlement outcomes .

The Settlement company proposed social housing. Ngāti Pāoa proposed to Nick Smith that the development should be commercial redress to Ngāti Pāoa .

The Pink Block is 11.7 Hectares to develop three hundred homes – which has been communicated to wider public – there was some opposition to the development. Minister claimed the land would best be turned to housing – Labour members provided dissenting opinion – Govt Labour/ NZ first – Phil Twyford – Ngāti Pāoa agreed to walk away from 11 h commercial development for Crown to give 2 hectares in return for papakainga and keeping it as a reserve.

This was a big call and cost to Ngāti Pāoa including delays to finalising settlement.

Now that Ngāti Pāoa bill will progress we have started a master plan to lodge a Resource Consent in near future –

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Q: AC and NPIT to jointly create a reserve management plan.

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**CR Kerin Leonie Q:** Do we have third reading timeframe?

**John Hutton:** – Mid-year – cannot determine – optimistic

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**John Hutton:** It is possible to do the work now – keen to have relevant decisions made by local board ahead of time – looking good with local board.

**Greg Sayers:** – Access Al street – is there any problem putting a road in?

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**Tipa Compain:** Acknowledged Cr Bartley.



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**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**

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

See attached

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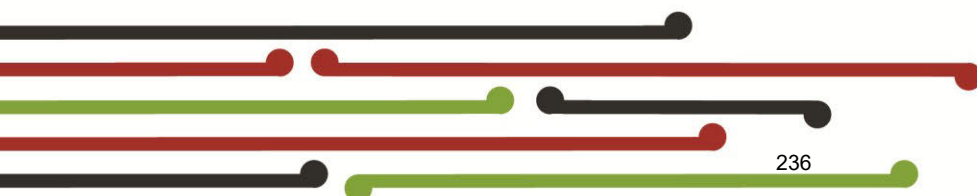
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# Hāpai Te Hauora's Submission on the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026 Consultation Document

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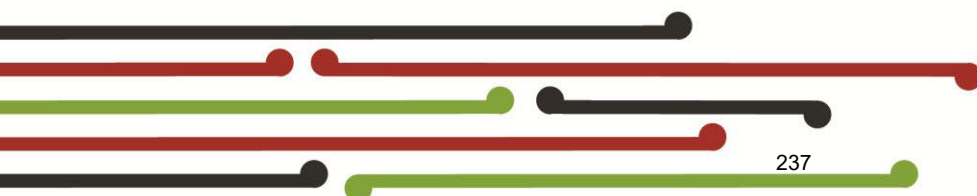
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**HĀPAI TE HAUORA**  
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## Who is Hāpai Te Hauora?

1. Hāpai Te Hauora's (Hāpai) foundation reflects the vision and leadership of mana whenua elders who recognised the need for a strong Māori presence in public health during the 1990s. Established in 1996, it emerged as a collaborative effort between Te Whānau o Waipareira, Raukura Hauora o Tainui, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua to address health inequities for Māori in the greater Auckland region.
2. Today, Hāpai operates nationally, building on its foundational legacy to advance Māori collective aspirations, collaboration, and a commitment to the wellbeing of Māori across Aotearoa. Hāpai's vision is to foster Māori public health and lasting, transformative change for future generations. Through national and regional contracts aligned with Oranga Whenua and Oranga Tangata, Hāpai are committed to supporting whānau and communities in achieving improved health outcomes.
3. Hāpai leads initiatives to reduce the harm caused by gambling, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, mental health challenges, and drugs on whānau. They also promote preventative care and awareness through programs addressing immunisations, chronic illnesses, cancer screening, Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI).

## Position Statements

4. Hāpai Te Hauora **supports** the proposed Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026, contingent on the inclusion of our key recommendations.
5. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the foundational document of Aotearoa New Zealand, embodying the constitutional agreement between the two sovereign signatories: tangata whenua and the Crown. As the base of our national identity and governance, Te Tiriti o Waitangi protects us all and should be regarded as the primary consideration in all consultation documents.
6. Health and wellbeing are intrinsically linked to the environments and systems within which we live. This is particularly true for Tāmaki Makaurau, where our physical and social environments have the potential to foster positive hauora outcomes and flourishing communities. It is imperative that healthy, active spaces are integrated across all local boards to support the wellbeing of all communities.



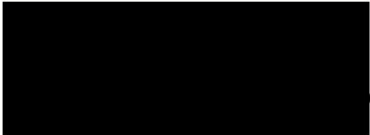
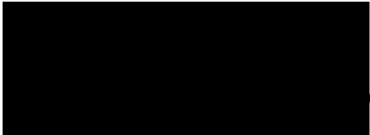
7. In the context of Tāmaki Makaurau, current environments are not optimal or conducive to thriving for Māori communities. An over-saturation of harmful commodities and barriers to active spaces, particularly in underserved communities, are inequitably harming our people and contributing to health disparities.
8. Aotearoa New Zealand has considerable work ahead in achieving true equity, as Māori continue to experience disproportionately negative health outcomes. Urgent and decisive action is required to address the systemic inequities that perpetuate these inequities and to ensure a more just and equitable society for tangata whenua.
9. Local boards and council must cultivate genuine and meaningful relationships with the iwi of Tāmaki Makaurau and commit fully to the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all aspects of [REDACTED] commitment ensures culturally responsive decision-making and [REDACTED] the creation of a more inclusive and equitable Aotearoa New Zealand.
10. As Māori Public Health, we assert that te reo Māori must be honoured, sustained, and [REDACTED] with pride in all facets of life. We call for the active promotion and visibility of te reo Māori across all council policies and documents, recognising its integral role in the cultural and social fabric of Māori communities.

## Key Recommendations

11. Hāpai Te Hauora recommends the inclusion of Te Tiriti o Waitangi within this, and all, Auckland Council documents. We believe it is imperative to strengthen Auckland Council's alignment with articles of Te Tiriti across all decision-making, policy implementation, and service delivery, ensuring tino rangatiratanga for Māori and partnership at all levels.
12. Further, we advocate for written, explicit commitment to equity for Māori across all domains of the council in accordance with the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
13. We appreciate the inclusion of consultation summaries in multiple languages, but more information must be provided in te reo Māori. Language is a fundamental contributor to accessibility, and for whānau Māori as tangata whenua, it is essential that they have full and clear access to consultation information in their own language.
14. This consultation document's goal of a "diverse and dynamic city, which honours the place of Māori and includes a rich array of cultural and sporting events, museums, galleries and built heritage," should go further to outline the place of Māori as the indigenous people of Aotearoa, as tangata whenua.





15. We recommend setting clear density parameters in communities that are over-saturated with harmful commodities e.g., alcohol, fast-food, tobacco etc. By regulating the concentration of such establishments, particularly in Māori communities, councils can mitigate inequitable, negative health impacts.
16. We recommend approaches grounded in the philosophy of **Oranga Whenua, Oranga Tangata**, which recognises that the well-being of people is intrinsically linked to the health of their environment. Local governments are uniquely positioned to bring this philosophy to life by enacting change through bylaws and other legislative tools.
17. Additionally, expanding access to green spaces and developing a more walkable urban ld foster greater physical activity and well-being. Creating inclusive, easily  for movement is essential in addressing health disparities, offering  environments to engage in healthy behaviours.

#### *Local Boards*

18. Reflecting on the Whau local board key project, “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.” We recommend the extension of hauora-focused initiatives to every local board to promote active lifestyles, mental well-being, and equitable access to health services, particularly for Māori and underserved communities.
19. The Henderson-Massey Local Board has identified the importance of “engaging mana whenua, Māori, and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whānau that incorporate te reo, tikanga, and supporting the area's Pūrākau” as a key project. Hāpai recommends that this recognition of Te Ao Māori be reflected across all local boards.
20. The Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board presents, “ensuring Māori culture and the values of mātauranga Māori are visible in public spaces,” as a key project. While visible depictions of Māori culture and mātauranga Māori are so important in public spaces, the process must be led by Māori. We assert that mana whenua leadership must be embedded across all levels, including design, production, installation, and decision-making in projects that represent Māori identity and heritage.
21. The Kaipātiki local board focus of, “Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori” should be the standard across all local boards and wider Auckland Council initiatives. Authentic, relationships with Māori are the necessary building blocks to thriving communities across Tāmaki Makaurau.





## Background and Context

### *Māori Public Health*

22. Māori Public Health is necessary in the context of Aotearoa, where Māori communities continue to experience inequities. Key priorities within this space must align with public health aspirations, particularly the creation of health-conducive spaces and environments. Māori health outcomes are deeply influenced by the systems and environments in which individuals live, work, and socialise. It is essential to address these underlying factors, as they significantly contribute to overall health. Research consistently supports the hypothesis that the environment can play a pivotal role in promoting positive health behaviours (Marek

2005). However, current systems in Auckland and beyond are not designed to support the well-being of its people, necessitating targeted intervention in both individual and systemic changes to support better health outcomes.

23. Māori continue to experience widespread inequities across various health and socio-economic indicators. Significant gaps persist in several areas, particularly concerning Māori, and Pacific peoples. These include life expectancy, smoking rates, obesity, suicide rates, workplace injury, earnings, and welfare dependency. While some indicators show narrowing gaps, improvement remains slow and stagnant (Marriott & Alinaghi, 2021). This highlights the ongoing need for systemic change and focused interventions that address these enduring inequities.

24. Māori communities also face unique barriers in accessing healthcare, often compounded by colonisation and systemic racism embedded within healthcare systems. This is a global issue, affecting many Indigenous communities. In Aotearoa New Zealand, Māori patients and their whānau often encounter significant obstacles when trying to access the healthcare they need and are entitled to under the law. While individual and organisational efforts to address these issues are underway, long-term, sustained commitment is required to dismantle the colonial structures that continue to affect Māori health outcomes. Such efforts should be driven by Māori, for Māori, ensuring that health research and interventions are culturally appropriate and focused on the unique aspirations of Māori (Graham & Masters-Awatere, 2020).

25. Addressing Māori health inequities is a complex and ongoing challenge that requires both immediate and long-term action. By prioritising Māori-led health initiatives and addressing the systems and environments that shape health behaviours, there is potential for meaningful improvements in the well-being of Māori communities.





### *Local Council & Public Health*

26. Local governments play a critical role in promoting public health within their communities, acting as the first line of defence through municipal services and health programmes. They have the unique ability to influence health outcomes by implementing tailored policies, initiatives, and programmes that address the specific needs of their populations. By maintaining infrastructure and fostering healthy behaviours through lived environments, outreach and education, local authorities can significantly contribute to the well-being of their communities (Figliola, n.d.).
27. Local governments are responsible for more than just healthcare; they also promote healthy lifestyles, prevent disease, and ensure environmental health. This includes managing public health crises such as pandemics or environmental disasters. They play a critical role in engaging the community, ensuring residents are informed about available resources. By embedding public health into all planning, policies, and programmes, local governments can better position their communities for future challenges and opportunities (Sanford & Franzel, 2016). Prioritising health education, collaborating with local partners, and supporting policies that promote well-being can help create healthier, more resilient communities. Through these actions, they foster environments where public health thrives, contributing to the overall prosperity of the community (Figliola, n.d.).

### *Te Tiriti o Waitangi*

28. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is a living document, capable of guiding Māori health and wellbeing. It provides a framework for policy-making that promotes equity without creating division. The Treaty embodies a commitment to equity, ensuring Māori have equal access to health services and outcomes. A Treaty-based approach is not deficit-driven, but focuses on Māori development, offering a positive, solution-oriented pathway to address the persistent health disparities experienced by Māori today; far from a privilege-granting mechanism (Kingi, 2006).
29. In addition to this, Te Tiriti o Waitangi is fundamental to addressing health disparities and improving Māori health outcomes. Te Tiriti plays a critical role in advancing Māori self-determination in healthcare, empowering Māori communities to make decisions about their own healthcare needs and services (Whitinui, 2011). This autonomy is essential for fostering better health.
30. To engage effectively with Māori communities, healthcare systems and policy must adopt culturally responsive and inclusive approaches. By incorporating Māori socio-cultural perspectives and upholding the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, environments can better







serve Māori, leading to improved health outcomes and stronger, more collaborative relationships between Māori, the Crown, and the healthcare system (Whitinui, 2011).

## Concluding Comments

31. As a Māori public health organisation, we are deeply cognisant of the influence local council has not only on health but many other dimensions across Tāmaki Makaurau. We recognise the importance of public consultation for policies, projects and activities that reflect the aspirations of the community and commend the opportunity to respond to this Annual Plan.

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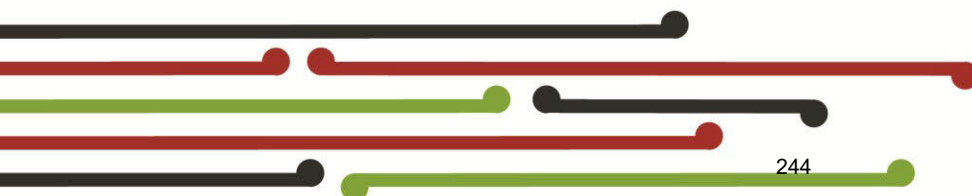
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