



# Annual Plan 2025/2026

Written Feedback  
Rodney Local Board

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

Support all

### Tell us why

I believe increased funding for effective pest control will provide a realistic opportunity for Kiwi to potentially thrive throughout the Rodney area. The work to achieve this will also help our native habitat to flourish and encourage other threatened native species to survive

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Support

**Tell us why**

It is a relatively painless way to fund events and reduces the possibility of unnecessary rate increases

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Support

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

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The Refuse Targeted Rate should be used for lifestyle block residents. Given the limited services provided in these areas (no footpaths) and the level of rates being paid should enable this

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

In general I am happy with the efforts the Board are making to improve the state of our community

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

Work around the environment is extremely important as restoration of vegetation and pest control goes hand in hand and preserves the unique habitat for the entire community. Work by pest free

groups has the ability to create a unique sanctuary within the Green Park development that would enable the survival of many threatened species for all to enjoy.

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Do not support any

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You don't need more money but need to improve your team's efficiency. Let see the sate highway Albany to Constellation Drive upgrade project. Turned the highway to a car park every morning. Future you must need more money to upgrade it again. We paid tax but you wasted it somewhere, and now you ask increasing not make sense to me. My wife lost job because bad economic and I

won't have 3% increases this year, how could you ask for 5.8% increases? Stop wasting taxpayer's dollars!

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Support

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Other

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If you saving my money I support if you ask me to pay more than current amount big no!

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Whole market is slow and we need more support from government and get it through together. Fair increases is needed but 5.8% is too high!

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Helensville and Waimauku train stations should be connected to the wider network.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am a rate payer and can't get past this point of the rates always increasing.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

Not sure of the impact on smaller businesses

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Support

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I live in Rodney so I totally support this

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Support most

#### Tell us why

I would like to see improved services for all communities with youth programmes

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It would be good to see a detailed budget of what council spends their money on each year

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A lot of rural properties have long driveways. It is much easier to bring out one back which fits in the car rather than a big bin, which also has to be brought back in!

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Do NOT support investments in - libraries (everything happens online these days) Please focus on getting Goldie's bush and the Hilary trail back for outdoor walks.

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Many households struggle with the increase of rates already. The proposed 5.6% are more than inflation and more than the annual salary increase. It is unreasonable!!!

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We need access to walkways like Goldie's bush and the Hilary trail, which have been closed for years.

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

Do not support any

### Tell us why

The council is spending too much, and similarly taking too much in rates

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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

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Do not support

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

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

We support user pays. We use very few rubbish bags, as we are highly responsible with our waste. Applying a general charge will cost us more- just another form of unjust tax. and encourage irresponsible rubbish management

## **Question 4:**

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## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

I live in redone and would love to see better services. However the council is spending far too much money, putting increasing pressure on on rates. The actual projects that the council is proposing are meeting the needs of small craft groups, and of minimal interest to most people. Library art, horse riding. Ridiculous!!

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

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Less important

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Less important

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

Less important

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

Actually all of these are unimportant, and a large overreach of councils core business. Kumeu needs a bypass and the more rural areas need better sewage services

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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KUMEU is Rodney also - it sure doesn't feel like it. We get little to nothing from Council except the Huapai Domain.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

This is short-sighted

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Support most

### Tell us why

Don't like the increased rates, alot of families are already struggling without this increase.  
Transport on the Hibiscus Coast is shocking, with not enough park & ride parking, and no trains to the CBD

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Support

**Tell us why**

Encourages out of town visitors to fund events they are participating in

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Support

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Support Auckland collecting general rubbish which is great. However, feel it should already be covered in our rates, not an additional cost

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Less important

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

3. Support the development of local parks. Our subdivision in East Coast Heights has over 300 houses and no usable park. There is a vacant park owned by Council on Pohewa Rd, Silverdale. We would love to see this developed into a area for children & families to play and enjoy! Please

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**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

That would stop residents from having to cover things they may not be interested in and put it onto the users of these events

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Rodney already have to pay for their rubbish and it's a good and affordable service. If the council get involved I'm sure we will have to pay much more than what we currently are

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Instead of charging the hard working residents of Auckland why don't you look at what money you keep throwing away at unnecessary things. This seems to be an ongoing problem year after year. Also maybe a pay review is needed within the council?

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So we already pay above and beyond which most of us cant afford, we have moved into a new area East coast heights Silverdale, meant to be a community area and all we face is constant crime and abandoned areas, such as a Reserve at the top of Pohewa Rd left with no park area for our children, its \*\*\*\*\* grass that you can even sit on mostly over grown. Every other new

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We pay 800 every 3 months and i honestly question for what. Look at east coast heights Silverdale and give the community something back. Make it safe for our children who have no where to go in a 4 YEAR old housing area. Millwater/Milldale everywhere else is a community area with facilities for familys. Why are left out. Over priced housing, over priced rates and for next to nothing.

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

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Do not support

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Take the ridiculous- under-utilized food waste bins off our rates. The cost of personal and trucks to the rates payers far out ways the benefits to said ratepayers and or the community. I look down my street on rubbish day and i may see 1 or 2 of these bins out on the kerb side.

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Less important

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We need to concentrate on the needs not the wants. ie maintenance, pest control etc are a necessity whereas tracks for walking, cycling or horse riding at this time is not necessary.

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

As a Rodney resident so many of the rates and funding are out of our reach and do not apply, yet our rates will increase regardless. It should be better tailored to vicinity and distance from improvements or spending or whether we will even benefit.

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I don't know

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

Looking after our environment and its people should be paramount. What best supports Rodney's people and their environment?

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Please stop dogs from accessing our beaches and public areas WITHOUT LEADS. Despite owners constantly saying oh my dog is friendly or she wouldn't hurt anyone dogs are frequently running up to my two young children (dogs are at their face height) and the owners clearly have no control over them (the dogs do not return to owner/listen when called away). If the dog cannot be controlled then it should not be off lead. My younger daughter's terror when this happens while she's trying to enjoy the playground or beach is not unfounded - she was bitten as a baby in our own backyard by a neighbours dog that had escaped. there are so many more dogs now after lockdown - with owners often irresponsible. Laws need to be tighter around dog ownership and safety for dogs and the local children.

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Most of the items on the annual plan should have been addressed for many years previous to this council's approach. Transport schemes are very good, but not at all for folk living in the north west of Auckland, a thriving part of the city which is in desperate need of infrastructure and public transport options.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

Council and rate payers should not be expected to pick up the tab for tourism. Not everyone benefits from tourism and major events. User pays makes sense as long as it is a ringfenced fund that would be applied towards to costs of tourism and events.

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Why only ratepayers are paying for everything ? Completely against the rates increase .

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Regarding 3A not supporting as we are in Rodney paying rates and additionally for waste management! Double

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Proposing a rate increase so you can get more money to invest and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure!! You just turn to people's pockets for more money every time you need any

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I support council collection of rates if and only if, it is done weekly (fortnightly for recycling) and does not negatively affect those in rural communities. Rural communities are often forgotten in the planning of these activities.

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Keep them focused on what is important in the community.

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

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

There is no point in introducing, creating and maintaining anything unless it is monitored for compliance.

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

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Too big to comment - smaller pieces please.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

make less activities

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

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

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

Support

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

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

The rate should be dependant of services getting from the council, if properly not getting say sealed road it should be charged less then property that does, same for composting service or watercare connections.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

#### Tell us why

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

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less 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

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Less important

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Support most

### Tell us why

More can be done towards public transportation at North West/Kumeu.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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

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

Increase in rates for Northwest/Kumeu area doesn't make sense due to underinvestment in this area for a while.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Rodney, Whau

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

The above points are not so important given there are more important topics like transport needs to be sorted in this area first.

## 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**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

**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**

Less important

**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**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**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.**

Fairly important

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

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I think the water infrastructure should be a Government asset. I also disagree with the increase of 5.8% - this is above CPI and an element isd for Waste when we already pay separately to Envirowaste for this service

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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

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The proposal to include waste is the rates is unnecessary. The current system works well and is efficient. Why change it

## Question 4:

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Rodney

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Support all

#### Tell us why

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

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Less important

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

A small increase like this will likely be passed onto Visitors to Auckland, who come from other areas because we have events like this.

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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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It would be better if you put the proposed cost right by the question. I've read through pages and pages and couldn't see a cost suggested, which means it's impossible to make an informed decision. We currently live in rural Rodney and pay for collection of our own green waste and general rubbish.

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Support most

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I think the grass is well mown already in Warkworth. We need an outdoor/indoor community swimming pool, a better intersection at Hill Street and more walking tracks for dog owners.

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I don't know how it would be implemented and small businesses already deal with a lot of paperwork.

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Do not support

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Services that foster good community spirit and well being are awesome. The Library, art and youth programmes should be prioritised, as well as areas for walking, biking and a children's playground would be awesome. I feel that the park grass etc locally is well maintained and I feel safe locally. The new Warkworth bus could maybe service more pockets of older residents in some of the subdivisions such as Jade River area. But this is been good for connecting residents to services. One question, not sure if it relevant to this particularly, but would really like this questioned answered if possible, ....is when is a more substantial hospital that meets the needs of Mangawhai, Wellsford, the entire Matakana and Mahurangi populations going to be built. I travel regularly with aging family members to North Shore hospital, it is a massive trip and sometimes I get stuck for hours waiting around and am exhausted by the time I get back to Rodney. Surely we should have at the very least a hospital grade X-ray and diagnostic emergency department that works in conjunction with the rest of the Waitemata Health Board to service the local growing population that would reduce the travel, time and stress. Please feel free to private message about the last query, thank you sliddell@gmail.com

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Fairly important

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

Very important

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Very important

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

Fairly important

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

regarding 1, we should have an art gallery or botanic garden locally as a destination place for locals and visitors. regarding 2, A local swimming pool for all ages, part indoor for the winter and part outdoor for the summer with space for picnics and family days out. regarding 5, ensure dogs are included in the greenways proposal as a variety of tracks where dog owners can walk their dogs legally would be appreciated. An extension to walkways along the Mahurangi River would be an asset

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Do not support funding any community expenditure. Spend the money on water, reading maintainance and getting traffic moving not safety do gooder rubbish. Strengthening council finances .

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Support

**Tell us why**

Beneficiaries should pay

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Do not support

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Rubbish collection should be done the cheapest way possible.

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

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

Wasting ratepayers money on nice to have

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

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Less important

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

Less important

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Don't waste money on feel good projects. Use it to repair and maintain roads for faster travel time.

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Council rates are way too expensive!

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

We need more visitors! Not charge more!

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

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

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Do not support

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

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Commercial rubbish collection company works much better and cheaper than council collection.

## **Question 4:**

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## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Not willing to pay more.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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Very important

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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**

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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Fairly important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

People in the surrounding Auckland area such as Rodney do not see many (sometimes any) of the benefits from this increased rate. There is no public transportation aside from empty busses contributing to the environmental issue of green house gas emissions as well as clogging up the roads. The safety improvements made to the roading is so costly due to the lack of

effort/inefficiency and over focus on safety items that are not actually safety risks. Many houses do not have access to piped water or sewer. Those home owners have absorbed that cost by purchasing rain water collection systems and septic systems that require ongoing maintenance costs as well as other council related costs for the inspection of these units. The portion of rates that goes to water quality should not be paid by the people who do not have access to the water/sewer. That is double dipping by the council. Many of the other items covered in the raised rates will benefit the people who live in the Auckland area and not the people in the areas outside of the city.

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Support

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The targeted rates increases are being applied across the board to property owners that do not receive the services. For example, a household with 2 or 3 people in it generate very little waste but will be charged a uniform rate for rubbish collection. I find that my recycling only gets half emptied sometimes, so paying a higher rate for recycle collection that is not performing at the current rate is upsetting. The food scraps (which don't exist in Rodney yet) is a terrible idea. Most people are able to compost themselves either at home or in a community compost. I quite often see food scrap bins strewn across the roads from the wind or because a cat has got into them. The entire program should be scrapped and perhaps put some money into the community compost instead. Also, just the fact that the food scraps service trucks would no longer be required would help the environment (less carbon due to diesel burn) and reduce a little bit more traffic on the already clogged roads.

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Less important

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

1. With the advent of the internet not many people are using libraries. Most of the youth programmes are paid by the parents so not sure what council is contributing. 2. more outdoor spaces with playgrounds never hurts. Build an ice rink. 4. Maintenance of council areas has been terrible in Rodney. Increasing it sounds like a good idea but only if it is done efficiently. I have witnessed many times the grass in the hiking/walking areas getting out of control for months. Then the council will come and mow it on a rainy soggy day and get the mowers stuck and make a mess. Do more damage than good. I also see many workers on projects not working efficiently. Perhaps contracts need to be reviewed? 6. I don't understand what this means. 7. I don't think the safety of the community/environment has anything to do with education. People that don't care already will not be educated. So we are talking about spending money on cameras and council employees to force compliance. Waste of money.

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### Tell us why

Rates increases are an unfair burden to a large part of the population.

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Support

**Tell us why**

I support this because I think those who can afford to attend such entertainment can afford to fund it.

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Very important

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

All of these priorities will enhance the overall mental health of residents so I support them all.

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

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Rodney, Upper Harbour

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less 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**

Less important

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

Fairly important

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Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

## **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

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

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

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

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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

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

Yes

**Tell us why**

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### Tell us why

I dont see targetted support for some of our heritage institutions eg MOTAT. Museums are critical for the development and well being of citizens. They can also attrack tourists.

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I travel internationally and often have to pay a travel tax - I am happy to pay as it goes to city projects including arts, culture and heritage.

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Health, Safety, Education and transport. all other priorities fall way below these.

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

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trains to Huapai/Waimauku

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Transport needs to be the top priority. The other two are important but fixing the transport infrastructure particularly roads into, in, and out of Auckland is critical.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

**Tell us why**

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

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

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Support

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

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

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

None

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Support most

### Tell us why

Don't agree with 16mil to be spent on Maori outcomes. There are other monetary streams which all ethnic groups can use to improve their outcomes.

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Other

**Tell us why**

This will have negative effect on number of visitors coming to Auckland. Maybe this should be applied only to overseas visitors (who would come anyway)

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Do not support

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

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Removing competition is never good. Charging flat rate for rubbish is always bad - there is no motivation to reduce any rubbish. Charging flat fee would only unfairly punish people creating less rubbish, who would have to subsidy people creating more rubbish. Pay as you go (either prepaid bags or tags) is the only fair system.

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Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Not enough details for a decision - it's all just very generic high level goals.

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**

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

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Fairly important

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Do not support most

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Support

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Rodney

## **Rodney 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?**

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

Less important

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

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Fairly important

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Support most

### Tell us why

Transport and water are essential services, community services are nice to have, the council needs to focus on essential and trim obsolete staff, and over heavy beauracracy. Charge larger developer levies so that they pay for new services for the developments they are creating and the consequences of these.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

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

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

It should be less then residential areas as majority of rural properties dont/can't use the scrap bin system..

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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?

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

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Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Get adequate transport networks and reduce road congestion should be a top priority.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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

The priorities for protection and restoration of waterways; including monitoring, education and compliance are basic necessities underlying future improvement in any of the other areas referred to here. We can not expect to improve parks and reserves unless we ensure a healthy and protected environment in our waterways and wetlands.

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We would like to see improved enforcement of regulations concerning water quality in the Hauraki Gulf. At the moment there are serious concerns about sewage disposal in and around Kawau Island bays.

Video Attachment



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I don't know

### Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

This makes no sense to me.

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Other

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

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

I do not support any rate increase. The council needs to work within the income it already receives especially when families are struggling financially.

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Stop increasing rates and promoting socialism. The latter doesn't work. The rates are already too high in Auckland and in New Zealand in general. There has been no improvement in Auckland in recent years. Things are only getting worse. The transport system is unusable. Roads are congested because of the constant road works which never seem to end. And after all they don't

improve the roads or there's not much change. It's just a money drain and I don't want my money to be wasted. Deregulate and you'll see much better improvements overall. Plus, I want to see more transparency and accountability from the council. I want to know where exactly my hard earned money that you take from me goes.

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Do not support

### Tell us why

Let communities organise events themselves. You don't need to use rate payers money for that purpose.

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Do not support

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

Just as mentioned above, stop increasing rates. People are not cash cows. And council is not good at allocating funding because they don't value what they don't earn. You need to learn to earn money yourself then you'll do a better job at allocating it.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities**

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None

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Stop increasing rates!

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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None

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

Support all

Tell us why

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

Support

**Tell us why**

We live in rural Auckland. Events on the harbour or in the city centre really do not interest or benefit us. A targeted bed rate is a much better funding model.

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Do not support

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The bags are very expensive and I find that a great incentive to reduce my waste. I might put out one bag every third week. Homes like mine would potentially be worse off.

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Support all

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Very important

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Support

**Tell us why**

to help make up the shortfall this is a good idea, it will allow the council to keep holding these events

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

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**Tell us why**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

If it is an accommodation business then yes, not if it is a private residence inviting guests.

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Do not support

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

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For one senior person putting out a purchased green bag every 2-3 weeks would be financially disadvantaged to have a fixed rate to pay. We have a growing population of poor seniors who only live on superannuation. User pays!!

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

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Any increase in funding should be spent on maintaining what we have and not adding to it. The economy/rates do not allow for any expenditure. I support the last; improve safety of our community and environment.....

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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Fairly important

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

The most important thing is extending the bus service from Parakai to provide transport access in South Head, Shelly Beach, Helensville.

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Keep our waterways, oceans by only allowing low housing to prevent future pollution issues.

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Rodney district is unrepresented in relation to size and need.

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Do not support

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We should continue to have the right to manage our own waste via purchase of rubbish bags. A refuse rate is a blanket revenue gathering process - I do not support this!

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NO Priority on IMPROVING ROADING INFRASTRUCTURE NO priority on REDUCING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - when we don't have the infrastructure

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RODNEY IS TOTALLY UNDERREPRESENTED FOR BALANCED FUNDING, AS USUAL; WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF BEING USED AS A GROWTH AREA WITH NO INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT IT.

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

I do agree with a general 5.8 rates increase -we all choose where we want to live so if people want to live in areas prone to floods/earthquakes -they should pay a premium to do so. We live in Waimauku an area not prone to disasters such as the above so why should we subsidise those who do choose to live areas such as coastline prone to slips/floods etc

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Support

**Tell us why**

Tourists not familiar with our road rules are inclined to cause accidents requiring increased supervision by our Transport Authority - Aucklanders should not be expected to meet these costs

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Other

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It appears totally contradictory our rubbish is collected in plastic bags whereas plastic itself is regarded as increasing pollution

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The rates we pay in Waimauku are way out of proportion considering the lack of services provided by this council. -See below: 1. We collect our own water 2. We provide our own sewage system 3. Our mayor stated on attaining office the land around Kumeu/Huapai/Waimauku had great promise for room for development - He said this while flying over in a helicopter- I invited him to try to drive thru Kumru between 8.30 and 11am driving a car. This council has no problem granting new building permits for new dwellings but ignores upgrading desperately needs infrastructure to roads/ sewage .

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Support most

### Tell us why

Many residents have lost their jobs in the last year, or are increasingly finding it difficult to afford the price increases of almost everything. Wage increases have not kept up. The council needs to be realistic about this and realise that this is not the time to increase rates. They place further burden on already overburdened ratepayers.

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I don't know

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I can't see how much the new charges will be when this Refuse Targeted Rate is implemented and whether I am better off using my current private rubbish bin service so unfortunately cannot comment.

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I think that they are all worthy objectives

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

Do not support any

### Tell us why

We have to pay but have NOTHING, we have Kumeu library as a Council resource and THAT IS IT. No water, lighting, transport infrastructure, nor decent road infrastructure. No close amenities. Because you have not looked after our area we are actually further in time from Auckland than ever! Auckland is supposed to extend beyond Te Atatu!

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland is already expensive, I don't think this will help. Downtown Auckland is a nightmare and not good for visitors. I sometimes have to put visitors up in hotels and we have moved from the Heritage to Ramada Newmarket so the visitors feel safer walking on an evening and actually have somewhere to go. Your Transport plan killed Downtown. If you make it more expensive people will skip Auckland or stay further out and drive in.

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Do not support

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

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The bags work fine. I put one bag out every 6 weeks. Our recycling is fortnight. Again this is fine. I do not support the change We do not want scrap bins nor anything else, we are rural.

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Rodney board pushing for raised crossings in places like Coatsville Riverheard Highway is not ok - it is not needed nor supported. I feel like our local council do what they want regardless of what the community actually wants or needs. What about a crossing in Waimauku to get children (and adults) safely from the school to the shops?

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

Green ways - these need to be clear who are you trying to move from which point to which? The cycle lane in Waimauku has 3 bits. We have no way to cross SH16 and no way for people to get safely from school to the shops - no crossing, nothing. But we do have 3 strips of 5m of green paint - awesome job! I'm not sure how people in rural areas are supposed to get to your cycle ways. Our road is so poorly laid with chip that it is unsafe to ride on. We have a huge hill to navigate which is not family cycle friendly. I'm not sure why I would want to cycle from Wiamuaku to Kumeu. If I'm shopping I need to carry what I buy. Still you insist we need them. What I would like is a decent bus service or decent roads with pavements - such a novel idea! We live in an area where people come and tour cars, dump their waste and cause a menice on a night. It is not the locals, educating the area does not help the community, it is not the community that causes the issue. A public pool, a sports centre, something other than a libraray may be nice in the Kumeu area. Oh but wait, it's all going to flood, needs moving and a bypass, so best not! Over 20 years of lack of funding in propper infrastructure and we are still waiting.

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Until Auckland treats the WHOLE of Auckland the same our area will forever be forgotten, a bit like how you dealt with our area for the cyclone and now the floods. Spending literally millions for an underground train system for an area that has buses and overground train was nonsense. Trains for Kumeu could be a good start. Or just give up the area we don't want to be a part of a super city that doesn't give back.

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Support most

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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focus needs to be on core and achieving best bang for buck, through planning and following a robust tender process for all expenditure. No sponsorship or support of events, pride, light festivals, Diwali, etc etc. If it isn't a core council role, it doesn't get funding

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Support

**Tell us why**

No to Cultural festivals. If various cultural groups want to celebrate their culture etc, it needs to be self funded. Not by the wider rate payer community. When was the LAST European festival?

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All rates, charges etc need to be applied consistently across the city, without exception. Services also be equally applied. Rubbish, lets bring back the pay as go, bag system - user pays and its the fairest system across the board.

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As a council do your job, core services and core services only. Non of the fluffy stuff. Reduce head count, enforce a robust tender process for all major works and contracts. Remove AT and take back control of our roading network.

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### Tell us why

I appreciate the rail efforts and work on improving downtown Auckland's waterfront. As a west Aucklander, I was very disappointed to see no efforts being made towards transport to Kumeu and Helensville. This area is in dire need of trains, buses, free park and rides so people actually use

said trains and buses, and better roading. It has become an unbearable area to live because the infrastructure cannot cope with the significant expansion the area has experienced.

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It's unfair Rodney and Franklin have been paying for rubbish collection for so long when they pay rates as part of Auckland. This definitely needs to change.

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I can't believe transport is not even listed on this list of priorities. As someone who has lived in Rodney my entire life, this is overwhelming the biggest priority for the area, especially around the Kumeu area. Everything listed here is far less important to keep our region moving.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Should not fund events - should go towards the transport budget

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Support

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You don't mention as a priority the most critical areas & priorities for Rodney which are : - fixing the Hill Street intersection in Warkworth - tar sealing of Rodney rural roads.

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I understand the need to raise rates, as distasteful as that may be. However, if funds are in short supply let those rate increases go towards essential infrastructure repairs and long term improvements. Funding cultural events is all well and good but should not be a focus when money

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Support

**Tell us why**

Sure, gouge the outsiders! To the extent that they put a temporary burden on our services let them pay a temporary price. Nothing is free, as much a people think that government provided services are.

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Do not support

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Regarding the Refuse Targeted Rate, I think it's just another way of extracting money from ratepayers for services they may not need. Let us retain our flexibility by letting us dispose of rubbish as we see fit. If I don't need the shiny, new free container it's just a waste of money.

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Less important

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#1. Libraries yes; art and youth programmes no. #7. Focus less on education and much more on monitoring and especially compliance.

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Support most

### Tell us why

In areas like Rodney, there are big developments occurring and it is important that the developers involved contribute to increased infrastructure needed as a result. The increased population that results puts pressure on other community resources and it would be good to see perhaps a

community fund to which developers contribute and local organisations and groups can apply to for funding to meet increased demand.

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Support

### Tell us why

This shares the costs around. We need to provide a good experience for visitors but it is important that they contribute towards development and maintenance of facilities, etc. Such a fund should be distributed throughout Auckland City, not just in the central city.

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Support

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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

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Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Priority 6 - communities need to have the opportunity to contribute to these plans.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Transport and water are of essence to any community first and foremost

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

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

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

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

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

##### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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

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

Yes

**Tell us why**

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

Fairly important

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Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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Very important

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We need more busses going to and from the Hibiscus Coast Bus station, maybe even plans to extent die busway up to Hibiscus coast. The Coast has dramatically expanded but not the services. Please and thank you

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Other

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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Object to having to have our rates in Rodney increase at a higher rate than other regions to pay for a rubbish collection service other regions of Auckland already get as part of their existing rates. Service quality will probably go down compared to the local provider (Econowaste) when council takes over. We see hardly any benefit for our rates dollars, it all goes to the central suburbs to pay for boondoggles like the CRL.

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I don't know

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I don't know

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

Half of these priorities I have no idea what they are talking about. All I see is buckets of money going who knows where to fund unaccountable organizations doing who knows what.

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Transport is a priority I spend up to 2.5hrs a day travelling to work (28km each way)

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

Please prioritise building parks that can actually be utilised. Fences and shade sails should be a no brainer. The park is incredibly difficult to visit with 2 toddlers who run in opposite directions towards the roads. Shadesails should be mandatory. High rates of skin cancer and not to mention the play equipment gets to hot to use. We have a stainless steel slide which can't be played on as my kids will get burnt. Lastly please put a bin at a park. I'm all for not littering and taking home litter but so often confronted with others litter or dog poop.

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I don't know

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

Re point 4: Increase maintenance of Kumeu River and other Rodney waterways to assist with flood management. Re point 4: More thoughtful planting that does not require frequent mowing. Re point 7: less spending on compliance management please, we need tangible outcomes for dollars spent.

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

We are not spending within our means, we should be looking to spend less especially on vanity projects Auckland Unlimited should be disbanded and we should not be funding cultural events at all. That funding should be left to those that want to attend and bring something to Auckland. I do not support the proposed rates increase. Rates increases should be capped at inflation so no more

than 2.1% at current inflation, after such dramatic increases over the years council should be looking at ways to reduce rate burden not increasing it. Go back to basics, the only focus for council should be core services - Rubbish, Water, Parks, and Public Transport. No more cycle lanes you are killing the city

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I do not support council funding destination management, marketing and major events activities at all.

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

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

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

Support

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

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We should be able to remove the scraps bin and the cost associated with it. Also Council needs to come out to Milldale and tidy up the rain gardens as they are a real mess.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

### Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Deliver and protect existing assets, I would love to see a sea wall and boardwalk the length of Orewa beach to protect from erosion and make it more accessible for people to walk along the beach.

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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

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

No

**Tell us why**

North Harbour Stadium should be pulled down and the precinct turned into a test cricket ground for international cricket games.

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Lower rates to under current rate of inflation, stop spending on pet projects and marketing, focus on core services only.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland prices are already too high. Increasing room nights will turn away visitors

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Do not support

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

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I am a single household and produce almost zero waste. The rubbish bag system works for me as I only use one bag once a month. Having to now pay for a service I don't want or afford is not fair.

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Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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Visitors already pay enough in taxes to come here .increased costs will price people out of coming

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Rodney seems to be the poor cousin in terms of facilities

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Please ensure fairer funding away from the CBD

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Support most

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Get rid of the rubbish Rodney board

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

Youth - stop spending money in areas like Helensville- how about Waimauku and Muriwai?!

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Support most

### Tell us why

I support the focus on strengthening Auckland's financial and physical resilience, especially in transport, water infrastructure, and fairer funding for local communities. These are essential for managing Auckland's growth sustainably. However, while the 5.8% rates increase and additional debt for capital expenditure are necessary to maintain and expand infrastructure, it's crucial that

the burden of these costs is shared fairly. Low- and middle-income households are already under pressure due to the cost-of-living crisis, and any increases must be accompanied by clear equity measures to support those most affected. Furthermore, investment in public transport should prioritise accessibility, affordability, and climate resilience. Expanding services while ensuring they are reliable and low-emission is key to both economic growth and environmental sustainability which our city should be a leader in within Aotearoa New Zealand.

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

Support

### Tell us why

I support the introduction of a bed night visitor levy on short-stay accommodation to help fund Auckland's major events and destination marketing. International and domestic visitors benefit from the city's cultural, sporting, and tourism infrastructure, and it is reasonable that they contribute to maintaining and enhancing these assets. Without the levy, Auckland risks underfunding events that generate significant economic activity. The ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon, and Auckland Writers Festival attract substantial visitor spending, support local businesses, and reinforce Auckland's position as a world-class city. The central government must act to enable this levy, ensuring Auckland has the financial tools it needs to sustain its events sector while reducing pressure on ratepayers. I urge continued advocacy and stronger collaboration between local and national government to secure this revenue stream.

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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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I support the Refuse Targeted Rate for residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to replace the current rubbish bag system. A standardised approach to waste management ensures greater efficiency, improved service reliability, and better environmental outcomes. Transitioning to council-managed collection services reduces illegal dumping, increases recycling rates, and provides cost certainty for households. However, it's essential that the system remains affordable and accessible for all residents, particularly those on fixed incomes. I would like to see a greater focus on progressive charging models, ensuring that essential services remain affordable for lower-income households while those with greater means contribute a fairer share. Additionally, any revenue raised from new fees or charges should be clearly linked to service improvements and environmental sustainability goals, such as expanding waste diversion programs, improving stormwater management, or subsidizing sustainable transport initiatives. Transparency and accountability in how funds are used will ensure public trust and long-term effectiveness.

## **Question 4:**

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Rodney, Upper Harbour, Waitematā

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

I appreciate the Rodney Local Board's focus on balancing additional funding with unavoidable cost increases. Investment in local infrastructure and services is crucial, but it must be targeted, equitable, and sustainable. Below is my feedback on the key priorities: - Rodney's rural and semi-urban communities need more frequent and reliable public transport to ensure equitable access to jobs, education, and services. Investment should prioritise affordable fares, better bus coverage, and low-emission transport solutions to future-proof the region against urban sprawl and climate risks. - Maintaining and upgrading local roads is essential, particularly in rural areas where poor road conditions impact safety, productivity, and emergency response times. However, investment must also include active transport options—such as footpaths and cycleways—to reduce long-term congestion and environmental impact. - I strongly support standardising waste collection services and increasing recycling, composting, and waste diversion programs is crucial for reducing landfill reliance. Initiatives should incentivise responsible waste disposal while ensuring equitable access to services for lower-income households. - Rodney's economy benefits from local businesses, tourism, and agriculture, so investment in small business grants, tourism infrastructure, and sustainable economic initiatives is valuable. However, support should be targeted at long-term resilience, not just short-term event funding. - I strongly support expanding and maintaining parks, reserves, and community spaces given the sprawl of the city. It only strengthens social connections and well-being, particularly for families and young people. Any new projects should prioritise climate resilience, ensuring green spaces can mitigate flooding and heat effects in urban areas. Riverhead and Kumeu have been disastrously and irresponsibly planned for. We do not need a repeat of Muriwai either.

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026 and the Rodney Local Board's priorities. It is essential that we take a balanced approach—investing in critical infrastructure and community services while ensuring financial responsibility and long-term sustainability. Auckland's growth requires bold, future-focused decision-making. Investments in transport, water infrastructure, and fairer community funding are crucial, but they must be accompanied by strong equity measures to ensure no communities are left behind. Climate resilience, sustainable waste management, and economic development must be core principles guiding these decisions. Additionally, I strongly support efforts to secure a bed night visitor levy, which would ensure visitors contribute fairly to the city's cultural and economic vitality without placing additional financial pressure on residents. Local decision-making, particularly in Rodney, must reflect the unique needs of both rural and urban communities, ensuring investments in transport, roading, waste management, and community spaces enhance liveability for all. I encourage the Council to maintain transparency and accountability in its spending decisions, ensuring that ratepayer contributions translate into tangible, long-term benefits for Auckland's people, environment, and economy. I look forward to seeing how these investments take shape and urge continued collaboration between local and central government to ensure Auckland remains a thriving, resilient city. Thank you for considering this feedback.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Support

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

Do not support any

### Tell us why

If I pay the rates, I expect services, I have seen nothing near where I live. You guys are just sucking the \$\$ out of people without providing basic services. You cannot even clean up the drainage and maintain the overgrown grass on council land.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

The organizers should pay for the events commercially.

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

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Do not support

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

#### Tell us why

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

Less important

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

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**

Less important

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Very important

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

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

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### Tell us why

I'm more for maori incentives

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I support Māori incentives

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Do not support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Kaipātiki, Rodney

## Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

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

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

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

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Very important

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

It has a Maori incentive

## **Rodney 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?**

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

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)**

Māori incentives

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

most of it makes sense for Rodney Local Board, Can't say i read into other areas too deeply hence the hesitancy on all.

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Support

**Tell us why**

again, it actually makes sense! what a way to boost community spend and bring in more visitors which turns into more levies paid. win win!

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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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I would like to see this to make logical sense across the board but there are a lot of people in the rural sector that compost and divert most waste away from landfill and would end up costing them more in the long run over buying bags every few weeks or couple of months like some I know. Would be interesting to see how many opt out if that becomes an option.

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

Community is at the heart of everything and the more we can do to connect with each other, plus work and play cohesively has to be a great thing.

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Lack of research in the communities impacted. Lack of intelligence on future planning. Lost confidence council are professional, ethical and pro community. Councilors are mostly only taking rate payer money for non accountability.

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**Tell us why**

Council should return to supporting local community, not wasting rates

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Council charging for rubbish again... what a joke

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Less important

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

The rodney council chairman is corrupt and mis uses his power for change and wasting money on things like raised road crossings... he should be fired.

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Stop wasting rate payer money on mori \*\*\*\*\*!

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Transport is more in line with getting cars off the roads and bike lanes instead of lanes and parking. This cuts out anyone in a wheelchair or hampered physically and most elderly people who need cars and parking to lead as normal a life as possible . Regarding water - stop putting fluoride into

the water. Whether or not you want fluoride it should be a personal choice for your health, not the government or councils decision for anyone else.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

How are you attracting visitors and then charging them for the privilege.

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Do not support

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Buying rubbish bags is fairer, as some people have more rubbish than others. So people should pay for their rubbish fairly.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

It's only some people who will benefit for this so why should those who would never use it have to fund it out of rates. Ticket prices should cover the funding. Then you would see how many would use it.

### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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

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

No

### **Tell us why**

As per my previous answer - should be funded solely by those who would use it.

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Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Safety should be an issue however monitoring and compliance could be over the top so this needs definitive guidelines. People should have safety and there is a faction in the community who do not respect others or property who need to have an eye kept on them.

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Most people speak English so this should be a priority in all communication and signs.

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Upgrade the rautawhiri park playground due to significant increase in population in helensville

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### Tell us why

Why should I pay for miss use of council funds. Is Rate payers councils bank?

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Support

**Tell us why**

User pays

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Do not support

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We already pay for our bins

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Poor management of flood plains, transport networks around kumeu and Rodney in general. Allow building vast blocks of houses with no thought to the increase in traffic and suitable services like schools.

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Other

**Tell us why**

Get the basis right for those that live in Rodney before we invest in visitors

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Do not support any

#### Tell us why

Should be focusing on key deliverables, not waste money on minority areas that add little to everyday life.

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These questions are loaded and in reality provide no meaning about what is required. But then since when have council or indeed the local board listened to what we need.

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No, not very encouraging

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### Tell us why

While I acknowledge the need to strengthen Auckland's financial and physical resilience, I strongly disagree with how the Annual Plan 2025/2026 prioritizes spending, especially the heavy investment in Community Services under the guise of fairer funding for local communities. The plan allocates \$4 billion in capital expenditure and a 5.8% rates hike—adding \$223 annually to the

average residential property—yet a significant portion, like the \$26.4 million for Rodney’s Community Services (93% of its \$28.4 million budget), lacks clear justification or measurable outcomes. This suggests millions are being wasted on vague, low-impact projects—like park upgrades or amenities—instead of critical priorities like transport and water, which directly address growth and resilience. For example, Rodney’s \$11.2 million capital spend on renewal and development is undefined—no specific projects are listed, unlike transport’s Eastern Busway or water’s Central Interceptor (pages 14-15). Are we funding underused facilities while potholes persist and water infrastructure lags? The council claims efficiency with \$47 million in savings (page 11), but only 65% of last year’s target was met (page 6), hinting at systemic waste. Fairer funding is a noble idea, but pouring millions into Community Services—\$194.4 million capital and \$457.6 million operating across all boards (page 18)—feels like a bloated sop to local boards rather than a strategic investment. Meanwhile, transport funding is cut (page 12), and debt balloons to \$15.6 billion, burdening ratepayers for questionable returns. I’d support a plan that trims fat from Community Services—potentially saving \$5-10 million in Rodney alone—and redirects it to transport and water, where Auckland’s growth demands real focus. Without transparency on how these millions deliver value, this plan risks wasting ratepayer money on feel-good projects rather than fixing what’s broken.

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

Support

### Tell us why

I support the bed night visitor levy of 2.5% to 3% because it could raise \$27 million annually (page 8) to fund destination management and major events like the ASB Classic and Auckland Marathon, shifting the burden from ratepayers to tourists who benefit from these activities. Auckland’s vibrancy matters, and events drive economic activity—unlike the council’s wasteful spending elsewhere. For instance, Rodney’s \$26.4 million on Community Services (page 26) is a black hole

of vague amenities with no clear return, potentially squandering \$5-10 million on low-value projects. A \$7 million shortfall for events is peanuts compared to that, yet the council prioritizes fluff over proven economic drivers. That said, I'm wary of the council's track record. With \$4 billion in capital spending (page 12) and only 65% of last year's \$66 million savings target met (page 6), I doubt they'll use levy funds efficiently—millions could still be wasted on bloated marketing or mismanaged events. The levy's a good idea to spare ratepayers another hit (5.8% increase, \$223/year, page 30), but only if the council proves it won't fritter away the \$27 million like it does with Community Services. Cut that fat first, then I'd fully back this. Until then, it's a cautious yes—better tourists pay than us, but don't botch it.

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

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Do not support

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

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The Refuse Targeted Rate for Rodney (\$19.64/year, page 31) is a wasteful disaster—millions could vanish into transition costs (bins, logistics) with no evidence it beats the bag system (page 32). Meanwhile, Rodney's \$26.4 million on Community Services (page 26) is a bigger scandal—\$5-10 million likely frittered away on vague amenities like underused parks. Why not redirect that cash somewhere useful? Take beach access: Muriwai's 4WD rules are strict, but the plan ignores opening it up with a permit system. A \$50 permit could fund enforcement (\$0.5-1 million startup) and boost tourism—visitors love beach driving, and places like Ballina, Australia, show it draws crowds. With debt at \$15.6 billion and rates up 5.8% (\$223/year, page 30), the council can't keep wasting money—savings hit just 65% of \$66 million last year (page 6). A 4WD permit system could pay for itself, unlike the refuse rate's black hole, while luring tourists to Rodney's coast—think more dollars without more debt. Ditch the rate, slash Community Services fluff, and invest in beach access that works. Stop the waste, start something smart.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

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

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

Less important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Less 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)**

I rated priorities 1, 2, and 6 as less important because they fall under Community Services, where Rodney's wasting \$26.4 million (page 26 of the Annual Plan). Libraries, art, youth programs, play opportunities, and reserve plans are nice but vague—\$5-10 million could be squandered on underused facilities with no clear benefit. Instead, redirect that money to a 4WD permit system for beaches like Muriwai. It'd cost \$0.5-1 million to set up, manage access, and boost tourism—visitors love beach driving, and Ballina, Australia, proves it draws crowds, bringing economic gains without more rates hikes (5.8%, \$223/year, page 30). I marked 4 and 7 as very important because maintenance (mowing, pest control, tracks, car parks) and safety (education, monitoring, compliance) are practical—car parks and tracks tie directly to beach access, supporting my permit idea. These ensure Rodney's assets are usable, unlike fluffy programs. Priorities 3 and 5 are fairly

important—environmental protection and greenways are worthwhile, but the \$0.3 million for pest coordinators (page 26) feels staff-heavy, and greenways shouldn't outrank direct access improvements. The council's missing savings targets (65% of \$66 million, page 6) while wasting millions on Community Services—stop the bloat, fund smart ideas like beach permits instead.

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I'm alarmed by the wasteful spending in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026, both hitting ratepayers hard. The Annual Plan's \$4 billion capital spend (page 12) and 5.8% rates hike (\$223/year, page 30) are tough to swallow when Rodney's \$26.4 million Community Services budget (page 26) likely wastes \$5-10 million on vague amenities with little benefit. Instead, redirect that to a 4WD permit system for beaches like Muriwai—\$0.5-1 million could manage access, generate revenue, and revive tourism, especially with cafes closed. Shelly Beach Cafe and Muriwai cafes, like Sand Dunz, are shuttered—some due to lease disputes or council restrictions (e.g., Muriwai's temporary beach closures)—hurting local jobs and visitors. Opening access with permits could draw tourists back, unlike the current neglect. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority's plan (page 33) adds to the waste. It's meant to manage 14 ancestral mountains, but the summary hides costs and outcomes. With the council missing 35% of its \$66 million savings target (page 6), funds might be sunk into low-impact projects or bureaucracy, not unlike past controversies over vegetation work. Co-governance sounds good, but without transparency, it risks wasting millions while cafes sit empty and beaches stay unmanaged.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

NZ is not suffering from visitor overload as many European cities are, due to our remote location. NZ already has an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy of \$100 which much be paid upon arrival. (Australia exempted). It is expensive enough to get here.

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Do not support

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Rubbish collection should be a pay-as-you-use system, so that households who do not have much rubbish are not unfairly targeted and penalized. Personally, I have 1 bin of recycle material every 8wks, and a bag around every 3mths. Why I should be penalized for generating very little waste, and subsidize those who overload the system? People should be incentivized to generate very little waste

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

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

1. libraries art and youth programmes, increasing play opportunities in more locations - of no interest and waste of money. Parents should fund their own kids' play activities 2. waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction - have never ever seen this done, and I do my own waste reduction. And I have to dig the waterway trench by hand so that the council can let the storm water off the road go through my property free of charge - no help from you at all to dig the trenches. Everytime the road is graded and more grit is dumped on it, when the next rain comes all that surface grit lands onto my property clogging up the trenches I have just re-dug - never ending - rinse and repeat!!! I have complained - and nobody could care less. 3. mowing of high-profile reserves, (none near me) pest control, (I do and pay for my own pest control - never had the council do anything for me) and repair of tracks and car parks (after 23yrs, it's time the council tarred the dirt road I live on. So everyone can stop suffocating from the dust in summer, and have a clean house. And in winter the potholes damage cars) 4. to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding - don't do this as have my own land 5. Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs - let's first see those plans and which community really wants it. 6. Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance. - that is the job of the police (central govt) not local govt.

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Less important

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Less important

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Be mindful that rural living people have less need for all that you mention above and therefore their rates should be much lower than those living in suburbia. The sealing of dirt roads is much higher on their agenda.

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

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Kaipātiki, Rodney

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

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

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Very important

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

Very important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Very important

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

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Fairly important

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

Very important

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Fairly important

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

Very important

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Support

**Tell us why**

Only if the money goes back into the area used

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Do not support

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

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Rate payers can simply no longer afford it.. find another way

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

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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**Tell us here**

Maybe rodney local board could start listening to the people that live in the area instead of blatantly ignoring us and following their own selfish agendas, people have absolutely had a guts full of this .start listening. To what we want and what is important to the people that live here.

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Support all

### Tell us why

Much fairer deal for Rodney District and brings back decision making closer to the people who will benefit.. Would like to see AT pick up where Waka Kotahi reneged on Hill St Intersection funding.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It bring the costs back much closer to the businesses that stand to benefit.

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Support all

#### Tell us why

I have submitted proposals for Falls Reserve, Falls Road, Warkworth but while getting verbal support any action has been sadly lacking. The Warkworth Centre Plan has been accepted but does not go far enough. We would like to see \$0.5m set aside for development by local focus Group eg Warkworth Area Liaison Group. This is a voluntary group but needs expert technical support hence request

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

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

Warkworth Library needs more space and breakout rooms. There is space in old service centre next door that can be retro fitted at low cost as a short term solution. Volunteers need more funding for pest and weed control. Cannot understand why volunteers are not allowed to build tracks. Volunteers are very passionate and very cost effective.

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## Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025 -2026

### Some submission Guidelines.

Prepared by [REDACTED] Warkworth Area Liaison Group 9-3-25

Submissions have been called for by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Submissions can be put in by individuals or Groups. Obviously, group submissions will carry more weight.

For details contact [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026)

**These guidelines try to point out some key points in the documents so that you can put in your best submission in the time available to you.**

The Annual Plan documents comes in 2 parts

Annual Plan 2025/2026 Consultation Document [PDF 8MB]

Annual Plan 2025/2026 Supporting Information Document [PDF 7.7MB]

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- what we plan to spend money on and the services we plan to provide
- areas where our plans have changed from those in the LTP. We also want your views on a bed night visitor levy. If this were enabled by government we would use the funds from this levy to support major events and promote Auckland as an attractive tourist destination.

Part 1 Covers all aspect of Council Operations

Part 2 Covers Local Body operations (including Rodney)

Part 1 Includes the proposal of an Auckland Futures Fund. This sounds like a really good idea and makes better use of funds rather than tiding it up in Auckland Airport shares.

Includes better and fairer funding for Local Boards which makes for more decision making at the local level (Rodney does well out of this).

Levy on Bed Nights for funding events etc. Seems like a good idea as this as comes back to the businesses that stand the most to gain.

Rate increases are manageable, particularly when you compare them with other local authorities.

My main concern is more about getting value for money rather than the amount in dollars.

In the main document read page 26 to find out more about Rodney Local Board.

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It seems to me that Warkworth Library is seriously lacking study and breakout rooms. There is space available from the old services centre that could be made available now at low cost. The bigger plan needs to be developed but that is less urgent . I do realise that waterproofing is urgent.

It is good to see that the environment and pest control are being taken seriously. The volunteer inputs are already huge and need to be encouraged with more funding. Benefits/Costs are immense.

Greenways are important but it seems strange that Auckland Council will not allow volunteers to work on projects that are on its assets (eg paths or trails or reserves). This means that all such works have to be carried out by Council staff or its contractors.

Volunteer are passionate and take real ownership. External organisations typically cost 6x as much as volunteer led projects.

The Hill Street Intersection has been funded once but cannot proceed because Waka Kotahi reneged at the last minute. We need bridging funding from AC.

In the **supporting documents** the important sections to us are  
Pages 77 – 78 Rodney Local Board

Also read Targeted Rates

pages 145 -147 Waste Management typically \$162 for Rodney

page 149 Rodney Transport Targeted rates and page 163

pages 150 -153 BID read One Mahurangi

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Support most

### Tell us why

Most are fine but there are some key things missing: 1. Lots of roads in Warkworth especially Kaipara Flats- such as Streamlands Swamp Road, which need to be sealed. There are people who live all along it, it is constantly used by school children, Te Araroa trail goers, residents, school buses, milk trailers and more. Our drinking water is getting full of dust as are our lungs. There have

been several small accidents in this area as well- drivers not seeing bikers or walkers because of the dust or and skidding off the road, bikers falling off, etc. It is just a matter of time before someone is killed. 2. Warkworth and this area needs a good swimming pool and recreation area with good facilities. The pool at Mahurangi college is hard to use and poorly maintained. Either that or some funds should be allocated to help improve the quality and maintenance of the pool at Mahurangi college. 3. No tax payer money (our money) should be used to promote wokeness including having drag queens reading to children at libraries. Stop trying to indoctrinate children to accept being woke and LGBT, especially not using tax payer money without letting tax payers know what our money is being used for.

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Other

**Tell us why**

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Support

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

Stop spending tax payer money on hiring drag queens for libraries and use those funds for our roads or facilities instead - should help put our hard earned money to better use.

**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**

1. Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes - if this includes hiring drag queens to read stories to young children, I do not support it. Tax payer money should not be used to hire drag queens to read at libraries. 2. I do not support the Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control since glyphosate, which is proven to cause cancer, is used in the so called pest control. Also, instead of doing more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, some of that money could be used to seal some of the roads which are used by school buses/children all the time. 2.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

The money for cycleways and horse riding should first be allocated to seal roads in certain areas of Rodney like Kaipara Flats. There is so much money being poured into the infrastructure in Matakana/Point Wells/Omaha but nothing into Kaipara Flats. Check the roads that need sealing before setting up more recreational facilities in the already richer areas with better facilities already. Safety and health should be a priority in all areas of Rodney.

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**Tell us here**

Stop using tax payer money for promoting drag queens and puberty blockers/LGBT in schools and libraries and use that money for our roads and infrastructure. Also stop spraying banned substances in other countries like glyphosate on all roads and pathways. We want to be healthy, not being poisoned by our own government

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

Support most

### Tell us why

The government should be taking responsibility for water infrastructure via three waters.

### 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**

These sorts of events are predominantly for privileged people, Aucklanders don't need to fund them.

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

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

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Do not support

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

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

Live on a Lifestyle Property my neighbours and I have very different rubbish needs I think the bags are sufficient

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Shade should be available at all playgrounds. Kaukapakapa playground has no shade.

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Very important

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Less important

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

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Support most

### Tell us why

Although no one wants to see an increase, funding for essential services is necessary

### 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**

Visitors use the services that council provides

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Support

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

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

Bins as long as it is competitive to what I pay currently by Northland waste and ensuring they still have the contract in Rodney

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

Great initiatives for our area

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Less important

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Very important

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Very important

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Need to ensure new developments are fully charged for infrastructure and impact of growth

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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

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Unless significant savings achieved makes no sense for holiday homes where usage is variable, current system using private bin providers and bags seems to work well. food scrap bins make no sense for this that compost and have worm farms

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Very important

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Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Improving the local roading and environment eg maintaining parks, weed control and pest control  
Should be primary focus and ensuring a safe supportive local living area

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Do not support

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We already pay Northland waste for a rubbish service that works fine. Why change it?

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Details are pretty vague in the Rodney LB plan. Rodney is a massive area, why do they have such a small pot of money. The Local board and council need to be fully engaged with the MOE in the process for acquiring land for the future high school in the north-west. I fear it may end up being difficult to cycle/walk to and be poorly connected to the areas where the existing need is greatest.

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Aim for multi use facilities. I.e build schools near existing council sports fields to share the facilities. The school fields are not often needed at the same time as club sports

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Work with Central govt and AT to bring forward flood mitigation works flagged as needed for future roading projects. I.e review the North West supporting growth roading projects to identify any flood mitigation components of the project around Kumeu that would provide benefit now to stream widening, clean up, silt removal dredging, re planting, etc

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Support most

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Very happy that there is to be fairer funding. Rodney has been short changed for too long. A lot of people who live in rural Rodney are paying huge amounts of rates, supply their own water and sewerage, employs lots of local people (vets, contractors, earth movers, farriers etc) A devoted bus lane from Silverdale to Albany would be a great way to help ease the congestion. Also more

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Support

**Tell us why**

Increased tourism does put stress on local services and facilities, so it seems fair to me.

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Do not support

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

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As a family of three, we put out 1 bag of rubbish a week. This is because we recycle a lot, have worm bins and dispose of green waste on our property. I would hate for us to end up paying more than we are paying now.

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

Rodney has big chunks of land that are often owned by people who have horses. Because of the size of land, they pay a lot for rates and because they do their own water, sewerage and sometimes solar - they are somewhat disadvantaged when it comes to getting the full benefit of their rates. They often live on metal roads, as they want to be able to ride their horses somewhere other than Woodhill Sands or Greens Road. I think the board should consider having funds to promote consideration of motorists on rural roads and to slow down to 20km past a horse.

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Congratulations of working on fair funding. But I am not sure you have your percentages right. Maybe you could consider using value of rates received as part of your formula to decide on what to fund.

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Auckland council already waste far too much money on woke projects such as cycle lanes, speed bumps and T2 / T3 lanes. Stop these before increasing rates for new projects .

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

We need to be attracting visitors not putting them off with even more levies and taxes. The events like the ASB classic should self fund through sponsorship etc.

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Purchasing rubbish bags on a user pays basis is a fairer system for everyone.

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Less important

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Less important

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

Too much rate payer money is being wasted on unnecessary, feel good woke projects across the board. We need to get back to basics in this cost of living crisis

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Support most

### Tell us why

I do not support the 5.8% rates increase for Rodney

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland is already an expensive city as it is, another levy will discourage visitors to Auckland and we need the visitors for the economy of Auckland

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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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Make it optional for people to pay the refuse targeted rate to buy rubbish bags if they wish

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Very important

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

The young people do not use libraries that much anymore. So no need to spend too much on libraries. We have a few play areas already, no need to put too much money into more at this stage, especially if the budget is tight.

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Highway 16 expansion or bypass, between Kumeū and riverhead is a priority. Also passenger train would be helpful

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Support most

### Tell us why

Maintains assets and builds new critical infrastructure

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Support

**Tell us why**

Extra demand on the city that is better funded by an extra tax.

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Support

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Fair overall

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Support all

#### Tell us why

I like the focus on youth programs, the environment, arts centres and libraries.

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Fairly important

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

Cultural activity through the arts and youth programs are in deficit in /Rodney

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Support

**Tell us why**

Auckland is missing out on revenue and we are \$15B in debt

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Do not support

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If it's not broke don't fix it Get rid of the food scraps service, it doesn't work, targets have been missed and homeowners have always worked it out, waste if rates that we can't afford, no measurements or transparency if the scheme and costs... nice idea that in reality doesn't work as proven in California and other parts of the world .

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\$15B in debt, need to go line by line through the GLs and cut wasteful spending vanity projects. Local councils would be a better structure as the locals know about local issues. Crime and homelessness in the CBD is off the chart, can you imagine what tourist think when they hop off the cruise ships, sort out the crime and move the homeless to facilities that support their needs not addictions

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Do not support

### **Tell us why**

The number of short term accommodation places to stay overnight in Matakana has dropped considerably since COVID and Council rates charges were applied making it uneconomical for small enterprises (such as those with a spare room to rent through AirBnB) to bother renting out their rooms. There are few other alternatives locally and this is becoming a big problem for people wanting to attend concerts etc up here. This kind of short term accommodation should be exempt from further costs to incentivise more people offering accommodation.

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Do not support

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I'm happy to purchase rubbish bags on an as needs basis. I don't require a weekly pick up as I keep my rubbish to a minimum. Buying rubbish bags makes me be personally responsible for limiting my land fill rubbish.

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**Tell us why**

Because mu bnb is north of Hrlrnsvillr and no guest comes to mine to go to anything in central Ak.It disciminates against little like businesses like mine.Should charge the hotels only,they benefit most

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Again this is wrong.We only put a paid rubbish bag out oncr a month and this doesnt benefit us at all.With tjis most people will throw much more rubbish brcause they pay an annual amount not just pay per bag.A very wasteful way of doing things

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Support

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Do not support

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We try to keep our rubbish to a minimum and only use purchased bags twice a year so paying for councils collection service would cost more.

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#### Tell us why

Have not been informed about them

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Less important

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Coming from Rodney, with a smaller population, I can see less funding coming to our district. That would be a shame as we provide a lot of recreation for the rest of Auckland.

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We use very little of the AC rubbish collection service (usually 1 bag a month). However we do use the recycling. For us the rubbish is a minimal expense we can manage.

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As someone who bikes to work, the facilities in Rodney are very poor. Helensville in the Northwest is an idea place for a recreational bike trail. - within easy reach of Auckland - family friendly healthy recreation - easy 2 day bike trail (downtown to Helensville day 1, Helensville to downtown day 2) - provide many employment opportunities for small businesses along the way (bike hirers, transporters, food, accommodation, camping facilities etc) - opportunity to show off Rodney -

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12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit feedback.

Kumeū Arts is a not-for-profit, charitable, Incorporated Society, and an essential civic amenity for local cultural life. We are a vibrant community organization, providing a diverse range of services to people of all ages. From art classes and workshops to exhibitions and events, our programs have become a focal point for creativity and connection in the community.

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**Like many community programmes, Kumeu Arts is only able to operate because of our community lease with Auckland Council and funding agreement.**

Presently, about 80% of annual funding comes from outside sources or is self-generated. However, over the last year we have received significantly less than previously. Due to rising costs and a shortfall of approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 in funding, we are currently operating with our own reserves. We made additional applications to Creative New Zealand and other trust funds last year, but these were unsuccessful. Nevertheless, we are adapting and working to raise funds through additional sources.

**What have we done in response to funding cuts?**

- Cut back on staffing and delayed annual inflation-based raises
- Reduced cleaning costs
- Launched fundraising initiatives, such as our Gibbs Farm visit
- Sought alternative funders and trust opportunities
- Alerted Auckland Council staff and our Arts Advisor about our situation

- Delivered a deputation to the Rodney Local Board to request an increase in our annual funding agreement.

**Our submission is that Auckland Council should continue to support the arts in general and that the Rodney Local Board (RLB) should consider increasing our annual funding.**

With your support, we can continue delivering our programs, maintaining our space, and expanding our impact. Currently, we are drawing from our reserves, which is unsustainable in the long term. An increase in our annual funding agreement would provide crucial financial support and assurance, allowing us to plan, and operate with confidence.

Our schedule for 2025 is full of exciting and impactful events. Our three galleries are fully booked for the year, showcasing a wide variety of exhibitions and events that will involve hundreds of participants. These exhibitions represent a rich diversity of cultural expression and art forms, from the Auckland Festival of Photography to exhibitions by Pacific artists like Joy Le Mamea. Through these exhibits, we address important social and environmental issues, including grief, the spirit of women, and climate change, creating an accessible and engaging space for critical dialogue.

Beyond exhibitions, we continue to offer a wide range of classes. These include ceramics, painting, botanical art, youth programs, and school holiday workshops. We aim to meet the creative and educational needs of our community while maintaining affordable access, ensuring that everyone, regardless of financial means, has the opportunity to engage with the arts.

Our venue also serves as a hub for local community groups and organizations and we provide spaces for health and well-being initiatives. For example, Goodwood Park Health Care uses our space weekly, and Kindred Services utilizes our facilities for client meetings and a crèche. Each year, we also act as a drop-off point for the "Give A Kid a Blanket" initiative, ensuring that essential resources reach those in need.

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Our strategic plan (2023-2028) outlines four key goals:

1. Increase Youth Engagement
2. Build and Sustain a Vibrant Event Schedule
3. Increase Diversity

#### 4. Improve our Space

In the past year, we have made significant strides toward these goals. We are particularly proud of our progress in engaging youth. Our youth programs, including two free courses for teenagers, have been transformative. One teenager, who initially struggled with anxiety and communication, now confidently participates in group activities, with his mother noting how much his confidence has grown. These programs are a key part of our mission to provide support for young people in our community.

To further broaden our impact, we have also introduced subsidized places for our courses, making them more accessible to individuals facing financial hardship. While this impacts our margins, we believe it is essential to keep our services available to all. Additionally, we are expanding our offerings to include creative writing and music tuition, providing even more opportunities for local people to participate and develop new skills.

#### **Who benefits from our services?**

**Artists:** Local artists are at the heart of what we do. With over 200 members, Kumeū Arts provides a platform for artists to display and sell their work. Our annual exhibitions, such as the "Affordable Arts" show, give emerging artists the opportunity to showcase their talents and connect with new audiences. Last year, we generated approximately \$47,000 in commissions for local artists through our galleries and gallery shop sales. Our commitment to showcasing new artists, including those who have never exhibited before, ensures that everyone has the opportunity to share their creativity.

**Visitors:** Our gallery visitors benefit from a rich cultural experience that celebrates diversity and artistic expression. We collaborate with national events such as NZ Music Month and National Poetry Day, enriching the local cultural environment and providing a space for people to engage with different art forms.

**Participants in Classes:** Nearly 10,000 people of all ages participated in our programs in the year ending June 2024. With support from this grant, we can continue offering a wide variety of classes, from ceramics to technology workshops. Many of these programs are not available elsewhere in our rapidly growing community, which is seeing significant new housing developments and increasing demand for local arts and cultural opportunities.

**Youth and Young Adults:** Teenagers and young adults benefit from our youth-focused programs, including free courses and the opportunity to participate in art competitions. These programs provide young people with valuable creative outlets and support their personal growth and well-being.

**Families and Children:** Our children's programs, including the Kumeū Children's Art Club and school holiday workshops, create a sense of belonging and pride for young participants. They benefit from a supportive environment where their work is celebrated, helping to build their confidence and creativity. We also cater to younger children through "The Art Garden," a space for preschoolers to explore art-making with their families.

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Our ability to bring people together and create positive outcomes in times of need is one of the cornerstones of our mission. With your support, we will continue to be a place where the community can come together, share experiences, and grow stronger.

Thank you for considering our request.

Warm regards,

██████████ (Manager)

On behalf of Kumeu Arts Centre Inc.

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The ones I don't support are the Greenways Plan - that will only benefit certain members of the community who live nearby or who make a special effort to go specifically to that site. I also don't support the Art and Youth programmes - the kids in this area generally have well off parents who can cater for these extra-curricular activities. The ones I would like the council to focus more on is the roads!!!! Yes the pothole situation is much better since Wayne Brown has been in office but the roads need a general upgrade - widening, leveling, not using the hopeless chip seal but I would like to see more investment in Asphalt which lasts much longer. Some footpaths would be nice. My biggest issue is the bridge on Dairy Flat Highway leading into Albany village - because this and the lanes through the village are only 2 lanes wide it's holding up thousands of cars everyday!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Fix this and there won't be any congestion issues in Albany!!!!!! Especially if the council is opening up more land for development north of Albany...

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I would like to see an initiative for the roads in Rodney and North Shore - as a daily user they fall far behind the rest of Auckland. I will explain more in future sections of this feedback where hopefully you cover the transport issues. Parks, sports fields etc are a 'nice to have' but the roads are a 'must have' as they affect everyone. Personally I will never use a public sports field but everyone uses the roads. We need to fix the main issues first especially as it's funded a lot by the tax payer.

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Makes sense but needs to be low

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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

Hibiscus and Bays

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

### North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of

local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

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

No

**Tell us why**

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

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

### **Tell us why**

These levies are a good way to raise funds for major events e.g. Americas Cup. Hotel levies are common overseas and will not put off visitors. Note that we live on the far edge of Rodney region and we stay in Auckland CBD hotels on a regular basis. We are OK with paying a levy if it is used wisely. We are also OK if other NZ cities/regions e.g. Queenstown, also use this type of levy. 2% is an OK rate.

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Support

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

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We live in Rodney and are looking forward to having the council rubbish collection service. The current rubbish bags are cheap but are not as useful as a bin. For example, the bags are sometimes ripped by dogs and seagulls. We only use 1 bag per week but we don't mind paying a bit more overall for the proposed service.

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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

Very important

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Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Rodney has a large percent of older residents, over 60 years old. It is important to support them with services that meet their needs. This includes improving library services and extending cycling and walking options (there are lots of oldies on e-bikes these days!). Improved parking options that meet their needs in town centres e.g. disability parks, are also important.

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Support most

### Tell us why

I like that you are investing in community development but there doesn't seem to be much investment going into the prevention of climate change effects and being that we are a largely coastal region, I would like to think this would be a major priority.

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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**

The general public get very little financial benefit from tourism so yes, the tourists should pay their share.

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Do not support

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I have not read into this much but I would like to think the current system means that as a household you are simply paying for the amount of rubbish you create and are therefore incentivised to minimise your waste. This new system sounds like it will disadvantage those households who are actively trying to minimise their waste.

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## Local board priorities

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

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

There are more and more young families moving to Rodney, however services and facilities for them is lacking in my opinion especially in comparison to other parts of Auckland. We need serious investment in sporting facilities and playgrounds. Especially in terms of shade! There is NO shade covering the playgrounds in Warkworth and surrounds. I don't understand this at all. In summer, the playgrounds are virtually unusable such as the one at Shoesmith Reserve and Warkworth library. Children and youth need a lot more investment into activities and programs. I believe there are many access & financial barriers to a rural area like Rodney. There might be something fun going on but it might take 45min to drive there! Public transport is not sufficient, so youth must rely on parents or just can't go. More importantly, there is a serious lack of training and tertiary education options in Rodney - I can only think of two or three options and they are specialised. What is keeping young people in Rodney ?? Not much. If they can't study here, they will leave. If they can't get a job they will also leave! There absolutely needs to be investment into environmental protection efforts including strategies to combat coastal erosion as a lot of people in the Mahurangi area are living in coastal areas. We need to see the Local Board consider long term strategies to ensure people are not losing their houses, built with permission by the Council.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Priority 1 is very important to me as I have a young family and this region feels like it is largely controlled by retirees and farmers. I want to see my rates going towards improving community spaces such as libraries. Warkworth Library in particular is embarrassingly small and not well designed at all. There is hardly any space for young people to hang out. These spaces need to be designed with the population in mind and it looks like Warkworth has been neglected for many years. I also think there is a general lack of things for children and young people to do in this area. Town centres need to be more inviting and child friendly. Why is there no skatepark in Warkworth ? Just a makeshift one at the showgrounds, this is embarrassing. And what really annoys me is how every playground in this area lacks shade! How are you approving these designs without considering the sun safety of our children and parents sittings around in blazing sunshine. Brand new playground built at Shoesmith Reserve and absolutely NO shade. It really angers me. Also there is a clear lack of diversity in this area which I believe make our minority communities feel very isolated and underrepresented. The only history that is celebrated and showcased is that of the settler/coloniser culture. This does not represent our people or the future of Auckland. Priority 3. There needs to be a lot more focus on combating climate change effects. Most communities on the East of Rodney are coastal. The Local Board needs to put money into maintaining sea walls and planning for the future. There is significant erosion happening and no clear plan from the Local Board on what responsibility they are going to take in protecting our properties, in fact its almost never mentioned, only roads roads roads. It is very concerning to me.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Waste and fraud within public sector.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Stop selling assets and pricing Aotearoa out of the market. We need to FUND THE ARTS Stop selling off our assets once you've sold them that's it one and done. You could have made money off the airport forever.

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Aotearoa is already too expensive for most to travel here. Increasing that cost more will only deter people

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We don't get any of the rates services and yet you charge more and more and more. You need to address the imbalance of who is paying and what they actually pay for.

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I don't know

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

The people are who matter. You have to invest in the people who live here. They need the arts and sports and community and to use the space we live in. Who cares about the city having a trust fund when you can't afford to access a full life?

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

The library and kumeu arts are important to our family. We spend a lot of time there with the kids and love seeing what local artists are producing and buying items for our home or gifts to support locals.

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Support

**Tell us why**

People who come to Auckland and use our facilities etc should make a contribution

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Support most

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### Tell us why

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

Support

**Tell us why**

If it means we can do more cool events in our city then i see no reason not to have a levy

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

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

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Other

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

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I am not sure what this sentence above means. I do not agree that I get charged for rubbish collection as a Rodney resident and then have to pay a private company to collect. I should be able to say yes I want my rubbish collected therefore my rates include it or if I pay a private company then that charge be taken off.

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## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

Kumeu art centre is such a hub for the community to be together in a shared space with the amazing talent we have. it is a very important part of our community.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

FIX HILL STREET! The main issue for me in our region is the Warkworth Hill Street intersection. This is just as dangerous since the opening of the motorway, we do not need spending on 'nice to haves' - fix the primary danger point.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

There are very few providers or accommodation already and disincentivising them and increasing costs will reduce the number of people visiting the region. We really need a good sized hotel in Warkworth to attract conferences, events and overseas tourists more familiar with hotels.

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Northland waste seem to do a good job already

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Greenways, horses, bikes, fitness, wetlands art and libraries are all good an nice to have, but I would prefer first that we had working sewage, and safe roads first (like the still dangerous Hill St)

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Fairly important

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We need to basics done well - the area lacks basic infrastructure such as sewage and safe roads.

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because it takes too long to understand all the information, average person would not bother! The process of the setting the plans does not connect with the actual communities we chose to live in! Best way forward would be a bottom up process rather than top down. Greg Sayers who is our

councillor has no way of effectively engaging with the communities he represents and the Council process effectively disenfranchises communities.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It is important for Cultural events to take place and in addition to the proposed tax the Council should adjust its and A.T'S Expenditure to stop wasted money on raised pedestrian crossing.etc.

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Local Boards are charged with the requirement of delivering democracy and accountability for our numerous communities so any funding for communities is good in my opinion. Local Boards actually don't have the power to work in partnership with the Governing body. Mayor Brown has commented on devolving power and budget back to communities. This was the intention of the Royal Commission but overruled by Act and Rodney Hide so we ended up with a Neo Liberal structure which effectively decreases Community Power.

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Strongly support Local Community well beings and Know the current government will remove these requirements from LGAct purpose statement. further weakening community empowerment and desire to be involved inLocal Governance. The local Art Center is critically important in the functioning of our Communities

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I think that 5.8% is way too much for a rate increase. I do not support the action of prioritizing water investments. I think Auckland should invest into faster construction time for Auckland public infrastructure

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I believe that the Rodney area needs more investment into Green road park. Currently, the park is still barren, with only a car park. I think the local board should invest more heavily into the park.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Means that people will be less likely to visit Auckland due to this increase in cost, keeping a lower cost means that overall more people will visit and spend money

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

having a bed tax on str's is very short sighted, most are small or micro business earning well less than \$60k a year. the str's are providing a service in Auckland and encouraging visitors to come with the use of a home instead of a hotel, meaning that they can bring their children and pets. Most str's are not in the CBD and therefore do NOT benefit from the ASB classic, ak Marathon or writers festival or anything else on in Auckland central. The council needs to be aware that Auckland has a huge geographic spread and does not revolve around the CBD. Most str's are providing services that are not otherwise available and do NOT need another tax. AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payer need to.

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Do not trust Ak council to supply more cost effectively than the current provider for waste removal. Rural properties get NOTHING from the council and yet our rates are sky high. we have no water,

waste water, foot paths, street lighting, drains... the list goes on. how come waste is included for residential properties and NOT for rural? this is again the council focusing on residential properties and NOT rural and making rural pay more and more and they get less and less. AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payer need to.

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#### Tell us why

AK council and local boards need to reduce their spending just like all rate payers need to as we are in a cost of living crisis. Rates shouldn't have to increase

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I don't know

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

Looking after what we have is a priority when funds are tight, get rid of vanity projects and focus on core functions only. focus on clearly measurable outcomes for our community

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I do not support the waste solutions. There is now no incentive for people to reduce their waste. And for those already composting, they still have to pay for the food scraps bin. I know many people (myself included) that were composting and now using the food scraps, but do not like it. It is much more cost effective to have locals composting and setting up compost hubs than trucking it away. The new bin system disadvantages rentals, especially those with larger families. Landlords will naturally pay the least option in their rates so tenants with families will be faced with expense of their rubbish as well as increase to their rent. I have never supported this roll out.

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

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

I would like to see a more holistic approach to supporting communities. Community led community centres. For example, Kumeu where I live, is a very fragmented community which needs a lot of work to strengthen connections - but the only community space other than library (which I full

support) is the art centre. The subsidised courses still cost a lot and only some can afford or want. We don't have community spaces or a community development organisation to encourage all sectors of our society. Look at gaps, activate spaces etc. And as far as resilience for flooding/emergencies, there is nowhere really to have a space to gather or a way of building resilience. This team needs more funding/enabling.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Public transport is still not good for northwest/rodney. Talking about congestions charges for cars but the public transport in the northwest takes so long. And then to afford parking in the cbd you have to get the early bird parking rates which then means you can't travel into the city after rush hour. AT is not listening to Kumeu when it comes to our needs - and is looking at destroying the village to widen the road with bus/cycle. Why has Eke Panuku worked to enhance and create amazing centres in some places of Auckland and yet Kumeu is left and being destroyed by poor infrastructure and bad planning from council. They have allowed building to go unchecked, even on flood plain and now have put Kumeu in the too-hard basket for trying to make our town function.

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

There is having plans and implementing plans.....we constantly see out of town experts telling our local Council what to think based on Government Proposals which do not include what the community wants e.g. a seawall along Orewa Reserve.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

**Tell us why**

User pays principal

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

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

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Other

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

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We use a private company and get to fill up a red bin every week. This is more than adequate and fairly priced. We don't need the council proposals at all!

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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

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

No

**Tell us why**

What we have is more than adequate and does not need any extras.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Why isnt there a plan to clean up the streets in Orewa? Wind blown sand has been plagurising our community for more tha 10 years and has never been cleaned up in that time. If the Council had not adopted the sand replenishment plan and raised the beach sand level by 2.5 metres this would not be a problem.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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

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

No more increases people struggling. Deal with what you got and prioritize

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Work within your means no more increases

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

Support all

### Tell us why

I strongly agree with the commitment to a stunning environment and a working transport system and public services. I don't think the council is doing enough to support our environment at this point in time.

## 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**

The levy would give Auckland Council the funds to develop our city further without harming it's residents. If tourists have the money to visit and the desire to visit, the levy shouldn't be too large of a problem. The money gathered from the levy, if correctly allocated, could encourage more people to visit our city.

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Do not support

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

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

I live in Rodney with my Father who does not have the spare income to cover these increased fees.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey, Rodney

## 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**

Fairly important

**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)**

Fairly important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Less important

**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**

Very important

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

I'm actually a member of the Henderson Massey Youth Council on the environmental team, so I am obviously very passionate about environment and youth focused initiatives. It's vital that we lift up youths voices so that your councils policies benefit a diverse range of people. Young people have good ideas and we understand more than people expect. Don't dismiss us.

## Rodney 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?**

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

That the transport system is heavily expanded on, particularly out west. The transport is unreliable in Kumeu, Taupaki, Waitakere, and Riverhead. Transport needs to be on time, clean, safe, accessible and reliable. And we need more routes and stops in underserved areas. West Auckland has thousands of residents, the public transport should not be this unreliable compared to the north shore. There are more people reliant on public transport in west Auckland for financial reasons, our systems should not be so inferior.

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

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Seems fair and reasonable that short term staying visitors would pay a little extra (2.5%, rather than taking the money from local rate payers.

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

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

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Support

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

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

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Rodney, Waitākere Ranges

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

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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**

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Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

## 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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

**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**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Point 4. Community Development This is where my care and attention is primarily directed. I would love a little extra support in uplifting the community garden in Sunnyvale as a starting point for uplifting/caring for local residents. As we well know rampant meth use and poverty in the area is devastating the kids and youth, who have no choice but to suffer the consequences. I have already experienced a very positive response while working on developing the community gardens. This is a very precious moment and place to impact young lives. Please consider including us in your budget. Any money budgeted to help us execute our vision and ideals will be used invaluablely. You have my trust and I will continue working to earn yours, Ailsa Eccles

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Support most

### Tell us why

Targets essential infrastructure and also community support

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Support

**Tell us why**

Won't add a lot to the costs for users but will allow council to provide facilities

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Support

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Rodney

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Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Environment protection and pest control essential

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Hibiscus and Bays

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Very important

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Very important

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

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

I strongly support improving community services for young people, particularly in providing them with a sense of belonging and opportunities to be active and engaged in their communities. Many young people feel disconnected or lack opportunities to engage meaningfully in their communities. By investing in youth spaces, activities, and sports, we can foster a stronger sense of belonging, purpose, and well-being among our future generations.

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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

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

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

Yes

**Tell us why**

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

This will further increase costs for domestic and foreign visitors in what is already a high-priced market globally. These events should be funded by participants, not by the general community or casual visitors.

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

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

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

Do not support

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

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

My household puts out a prepaid rubbish bag every 6-8 weeks. Everything else is either recycled or composted. Brent Bailey is quoted in Rodney Times as saying the evidence shows this is better for the environment.... What evidence??? This decision will only encourage people to put out more waste. And it will cost much more than occasional prepaid bags (much like the unused food scraps bin sitting in the garage)

## **Question 4:**

## **Local board priorities**

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None

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### Tell us why

it is worded in an ambiguous manner. A lot of it is down to interpretation, eg 'Support community groups, volunteers and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction'... dont agree esp following recent flood events, this needs to be with more care or wrong plants will be planted where

they can impede water flow and create debris or things will be planted in the wrong place eg like most of the kawakawa planted in Huapai, it was too wet or too sunny where they went in, most of them died. this is rate payers wasted money!. Think pest control needs to be reviewed, stoats, ferrets, weasles are hard to catch, rats, mice easy, if you wipe out mustilids main food they will target birds. "increase maintenance service levels such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control and repair of tracks and car parks'...mowing is already over the top, how about maintenance work that is actually required like removing debris from storm water drains and water ways. " Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs." what does this even mean? more brightly coloured plastic play grounds? no thanks, we have enough. way finding? no thanks, dont need, there are aps. " Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance." very ambiguous, sounds like a potential waste of money

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Do not support

### Tell us why

It is up to the businesses that supply these services. Personally, I do not agree, this is not Council core service, it should be left to the private sector. Council should be focusing on core services, maintenance and essential services which have been seriously neglected.

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Do not support

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

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I do not support, bins encourage people to be wasteful, nothing wrong with pay as you go service.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Rodney

### **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

its not additional funding, its rate payers funds. yes to library & some youth activities, no to the rest, needs to be more care with planting, you cant just have a whole lot of randoms doing what they want planting things in the wrong place.no one follows your planting guides for flood zones. No to mowing, get rid of the woolley night shade and pest plants instead. ' increased education, monitoring and compliance.' bit ambiguous sounding so NO

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

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**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

It is all too ambiguous and will lead to money being spent on things we dont really need while core issues like the dangerous pavers in Wellsford get ignored

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Stick to core services please and fix up our deteriorating infrastructure, that is where this funding should really be going.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I don't agree with the change to the rubbish collection in Rodney

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

Other

### **Tell us why**

I only support this levy if it is be charged on Air BnB accommodation too. Most Air BnB's are commercial, any accommodation over 90 nights a year needs to be charging the levy.

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Do not support

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The rubbish is going to be a big financial cost to a lot of rural households. We currently put out a bag once every 2 months. We recycle, compost, reuse and so have very little for the landfill. \$162 will be a huge increase for my house and many like me who do not generate much rubbish.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

None

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Support most

### Tell us why

Debt is still too high so some of the Community expenditure needs removing.

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Support

**Tell us why**

This is common around the world; just stop calling it a levy, call it a local tax. People are used to that term.

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Do not support

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

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Rural areas should not be rates funded rubbish collections, as they are the most efficient in self managing rubbish. A simple 'buy the bag' system is best. In densely populated suburban areas, rates funded collection is clearly the most appropriate method.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

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

Yes

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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This is a hugely expensive and divisive way to manage a city's natural resources. However I realise that the Governing Body has no choice. Please ensure that the people of Auckland and NZ, regardless of race, have access and can enjoy the features.

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I don't know

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Hibiscus station needs more buses into Metropolitan area. Half an hour per bus is ridiculous; I don't support the build of CRL anyway instead should invest on upgrading road, primarily more alternatives to SH1, and more frequent buses and faster trains

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Support most

### Tell us why

There are so many things we can be doing that we haven't. Why aren't the kumeu trains running for the general public? Why can we no longer get on at Waitakere for trains? We've gone backwards.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Not sure on this.

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

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

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Do not support

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

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

I think you should only have to pay for what you use. I'm already paying a fee for food waste but we've got our own composting and now you want us to pay for a bin that we don't even full every week. We also pay for a family of 4 regarding waste water as don't have a metre not being on mains water. Its robbery for all of this.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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#### Tell us why

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

Very important

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

Very important

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Very important

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

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Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

We need better play areas with shade and more thought about playground designs. We need more footpaths. We need more swimming facilities to learn how to be safe in the water. I can't believe we have no council swimming pools north west ways.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Don't enjoy seeing empty AT buses driving around.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Sounds necessary.

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Other

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Don't understand why it would cost more for the Council to provide rubbish collection (considering they would be doing every residence) than a private company but it looks like it will.

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Support all

#### Tell us why

They all sound good and not mention of adding more empty buses driving around

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

Support most

### Tell us why

You are missing a major area which is climate change this should be overarching all work the council does! Climate change is the single biggest issue facing our cities and everything we do should be done with climate impacts in mind. Given the impacts of the Auckland floods, I would have expected to see climate change more front and centre. Right now, Mitigation (working on

reducing emissions) is critical. We need public transport, bike lanes, electrification, removal of natural gas and high quality compact urban form.

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Support

### **Tell us why**

I would rather that visitors contribute slightly more to support the events they are likely attending. It does not seem fair to ask all residents to pay for these events though their rates when many can't afford to attend, and when the events are put on to attach non rate payers into the city. I would want some assurance that they money would be ringfences and put back into these events and not just absorbed into other council costs.

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Support

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having large areas of the wider city using single used rubbish bags to manage their waste seems wasteful. In addition, setting up proper waste collection services that include recycling and organics collection should be a priority. Removing organic material from landfill reduces emissions significantly and is very important! introducing a targeted rate improves the quality of the service for all and keeps the cost low as its spread access everyone.

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

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

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

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

I support all actions that will result in a lower emissions city, a thriving environment and a cohesive community.

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I want Auckland Council to: - Invest in and deliver more fast and affordable safe cycleways (eg. pop up bike lanes) and convenient public transport (eg. bus priority lanes). This can be done fast by reallocating road space (parking or extra lanes) and building back better during road renewals; giving all people safe options for getting around by any transport mode. - Invest in and deliver Te Whau pathway, Hobsonville Cycleway, Links to Glen Innes Cycleways, Māngere East and Manukau Preferred Cycling Networks, Albany Highway. - Ensure any money saved on cycling projects is reinvested into other cycling projects - Invest in and progress on the City Centre Master Plan which includes improvements for walking, cycling, and accessibility in the city centre – including retaining the safe cycleway the length of Victoria street. - Invest in walking and cycling over-bridges / safe tunnels to replace level crossings - Invest in more bike skills courses across the region, so that more people can experience the joy and freedom of riding a bike – and to support more people to ride from A to B for their transport, reducing our emissions overall - Invest more towards safe streets and delivering Vision Zero; including raised crossings, traffic calming, and retaining as many safe speeds as possible. Streets that are 30km/hr are safe for people to share, and become more pleasant for everyone. - Invest more into climate action related programmes such as Live Lightly and the Climate Action Grant, both of which encourage more people to cycle, walk, and take public transport. - Invest in convenient and regular public transport, including provision of secure bike parking (Perhaps Locky Docks?) and safe cycleway connections at public transport hubs. For some people using public transport and cycling together as a combo is crucial for their trips. - Provide access for bikes on buses (on board or racks on the front or back of buses). For some people using public transport and cycling together as a combo is crucial for their trips. Thanks,

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Support most

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

It seems that you have been captured by the BS around climate change being caused by humans. Climate change is caused by Nature primarily. Decarbonizing stadiums and changing boilers is green washing we can't afford and won't change anything. The caps on public transport help poor people most of whom don't pay the rates you use to subsidize them. Why are there no cuts to

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Do not support

### Tell us why

The commercial entities that benefit from these events should pay for them not the rate payers. The events should stand on their own two feet and not need a subsidy from the council. Promoters make money out of these events based on subsidies from the rate payers. Its nonsensical

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Support

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It makes sense to pick the rubbish up from bins and not bags that seagulls and dogs can spread all over the neighborhood. I have been getting this service privately for three years for an annual fee of \$280. With council bulk buying I would expect this to cost considerably less than one person

can organize on its own. Forget about the stupid little food scrap bins and just do the rubbish bins to go with the recycling that already occurs. Given the efficiency of the council. Given last year rates were in excess of this and are forecast to rise 6% it appears that the council is not very good at negotiations.

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Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I live at Omaha and the change of contractor for the local area has seen marked improvement in service of lawn mowing and gardening. However, the management of the roads is atrocious. The recent resealing of Omaha Flats Road disintegrated within days. Its a disgrace.

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Less important

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Less important

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

There are many community groups such as the golf club that are actively improving council facilities on an ongoing basis. Yet when we want to improve the council facilities for the end benefit of the council we have to pay you for the privilege. It would make sense for the council to facilitate these improvements without cost

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I would like there to be more individual community meetings so members feel like they are involved in the decision making process at the beginning of the process not just at the end at submission time.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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Bags suit me and help reduce rubbish going into landfill. It promotes recycling and composting.

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These activities are the make up of a safe and vibrant community. Art and Libraries in our area are working hard in the community and providing services that draw the community together by providing age related activities from young people to older people. Their communication is great and inclusive. They provide a venue for new people in the community to feel welcomed. I feel very strongly that both the library and the Arts centre should have continued increased funding with no

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Support most

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Right now now one wants to come here after what that Idiot Goff did to Auckland city. Most Aucklander wants to leave. The heart has been gutted out of our most glorious city. It is grubby, not user friendly, and worst of all when you finally get there - nothing to do! SO yes, lets bring events and retail back into our gorgeous Auckland!

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

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

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

Support

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

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

Proper waste managment is required, not orange bin bags nailed to lamp posts awaiting collection

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Rodney

## 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**

Less important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

DO not waste MORE money on projects that are solely Maori focused as you are excluding a large amount of people. Get some great sports fields and facilities, public pools, things that everyone will use. This city has been divided in the past - re unite with some common spaces that aren't just Maori focused.

## **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?**

**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**

Fairly 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**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly 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**

Very important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

The ongoing issues on Portland Road in Remuera have been constantly ignored. The lower part of Portland where it meets with Shore Road, is utterly disgraceful. The footpaths are unwalkable at times, meaning those wanting to access Shore Rd & Bloodworth park often cannot. Desley Simpson is WELL AWARE of this issue, and has kicked the can down the road for nearly 10 years. The whole road and footpaths need to be redone after years of flooding due to council ignoring the residents desperate pleas for assistance when it come to the footpath condition. This doesn't mean another cheap patch up, this needs a full raise and resurface from Ingram road to Shore Road. This should have happened a decade ago, and Desley you know this!!

**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**

It is a jewel in the crown of our waterfront. Lack of maintenance is a disgrace. It just shows lack of care for our city when the Council cannot even complete or prioritise basic structural work!

## **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**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Rodney is growing rapidly, especially Matakana. The level of services available are out of touch with the community needs. The Mahurangi Rugby Clubs fields are constantly closing mid touch rugby season, due to councils constant closures of them - leading to school kids games being often cancelled. The threat to local businesses over the main road (Queen St) being closed and dug up for 2 years has already meant some beautiful and essential retail have already left the town as they cannot handle another blow after what they were put through in Covid by RIDICULOUS Jacinda Ardern. Auckland Council has already KILLED Queen Street in the CDB, but now you want to come for Queen Street in Warkworth. \*\*\*\*\* off jobs-worths! Go else where. Many central Aucklanders relocated north for the lifestyle and to get away from a central city in tatters. And now you cone loving, high vis wearing, petty minded mid managers are coming for smaller centres. Actually come and meet with people and see what they want. Don't just blast through and destroy more livelihoods. Ask yourselves, WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY GOING TO BE? Well I can tell you now that for many of you it is you successfully destroyed the most amazing city in the space of 10 years. DO BETTER! We do not need more big box retail to soak up spend (think Woodcox Road, Warkworth) now that the threat of Queen ST, Warkworth being dug up. Retail, businesses - real people cannot take anymore.

## 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**

Use common sense. Be brave. You are spending on frivolous stuff those we are United Arab nation! Its a joke. We don't even have the basics right. So instead of upgrading signs into Maori, how about just get the basic signage up to standard. Everything seems to be done the million dollar way, like \$650,000 pedestriain crossing. Jeezes, just paint on some god darn lines and move on. You people are making it so hard for yourselves as you are caught in a woke echo chamber, and don't seem to realise that there is a real world out there. Let reality bite people, the rest of us are detailing with recession and financial hardships - this shouldn't mean we see our council waste money. Gosh no doubt half of you reading my feedback will feel offended and take yourself off for a wee cry. GOOD! And perhaps the role as a public servant is not for you. You work for the people of Auckland. If you want a workplace that is about woke waste, go get a job in the marketing team at a big bank. Perfect spot for you. Take this as a wake up call. That even your most mild mannered citizens have now had enough. LETS MAKE AUCKLAND GREAT AGAIN!

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

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Other

### **Tell us why**

I support the levy but not the Council's need to pay for these events. As long as this is a partnership where the private sector covers the cost but we support the events industry with some resources.

## **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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I can see the need to be consistent however user pays benefits us as we don't create much waste.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

I support initiatives for Rodney but want to add that a focus be made for pedestrian connections for core community infrastructure like access to schools, town centres and parks and reserves.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Investment in compliance is vital to ensure our environment is protected, thereby saving money in the long run. I would like to see a priority given to safe pedestrian access projects not just facilitating greenways planning.

**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**

I fully support the revised fair funding for local boards and the additional funds for Rodney. The geographical area is huge and requires additional costs to access for maintenance etc. This area has been deprived for a long time and a balance is well overdue.

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Regarding transportation, the metro construction in the city has been highly problematic. It has taken far too long, wasted resources, and hasn't delivered any meaningful outcomes. It has also made the city center cluttered and congested. In my view, buses are sufficient for the city's needs, and the metro seems unnecessary, as it doesn't provide significant benefits. On the other hand, the

idea of a \$50 weekly bus fare is excellent, especially for working people, given the current lack of parking availability.

## **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**

This approach serves as a way to generate funds for major events while also providing a means of control in certain aspects. Since they are operating a business, charging them for managing these activities is a reasonable solution.

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

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Support

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

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

Park & Rates: I understand that Auckland Council is seeking to improve its financial situation. However, the proposed increase in council rates is quite significant, and I believe many people, including myself, are not in favor of it. This is because I haven't seen the council carrying out much

maintenance, especially in my area silverdale. For instance, no one maintains the road berms, and we've had to do it ourselves, which is confusing since it's a public space. I don't understand why the council refuses to take responsibility for maintaining road berms. Additionally, the council has taken no steps to develop the vacant reserve into a functional park, even though it has been years. These are basic responsibilities the council should handle, but nothing has been done. The reserve has also been neglected for a long time, with the council only mowing the grass every two or three months, which is completely unreasonable.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Rodney

### **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

I strongly urge the local council to improve maintenance services, including more frequent mowing of prominent reserves, pest control, and repairs to tracks and car parks. Currently, the condition is unsatisfactory, and areas are left unattended for extended periods without mowing.

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

Other

### Tell us why

Councils main responsibilities to its ratepayers are providing the following affordable services: a. Clean water, b. Waste water disposable c. Weekly garbage disposable d. Well planned roading network e. Well planned housing and commercial/industrial areas e. Local regulations and their enforcement (housing including development, commercial buildings and development, dog control,

parking, traffic control, events etc) f. Parks, council sports grounds and their facilities Everything else mentioned in the Plan is secondary such as lowering carbon emissions which is not as critical as claimed. Cycleways which have an extremely low usage rate and exorbitantly costly should also be at the bottom of any priority list of any non-essential list of projects. Compile a list of these projects and get ratepayers consent to action. Use ratepayers money diligently.

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

Do not support

### Tell us why

I don't support as there is no guarantee that this new tax would be used for what is intended. How much of the levy goes into administrative costs? Why do you need \$27 million when you claim the shortfall is \$7 million? Are ratepayers paying for cultural events? Why aren't these paying for themselves. I would only agree to a small levy if subject to audit and discontinued if administrative costs are kept well below 0.5% of total revenue.

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Do not support

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

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

I object strongly to the proposal and prefer the current pay as you throw service. Can Council guarantee that costs will be not go exceed the current service.? Most users rarely use pay as you go bags every week. We would be paying for a service we don't use.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

### **Tell us here**

Listen to ratepayers and concentrate on your core responsibilities.

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

I don't know

### Tell us why

Too much money is still being spent on Maori \*\*\*\*\*, keep it all one language , ENGLISH> No more speed bumps Get rid of auckland transport Stop the stupid food scraps bins!! How the \*\*\*\*\* can this reduce carbon, are you people brain dead !!!

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Support

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simple- The current system works !! Keep you dumb minds and fingers out of it !! If it works dont \*\*\*\*\* with it!!

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

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Mana Whenua do not need any extra support ! Maintenance service should be given back to local contractors not south auckland contractors ! that are australian owned companies

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

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Less important

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

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**Tell us here**

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Support most

### Tell us why

In no particular order, these are my thoughts: 1. Yet another rates increase is coming. When will this stop?? It is infuriating to see rates wasted on frivolous things that have only a detrimental effect; such as the 'beautification' of Takapuna, which has been done and undone so many times and at great expense. Such as the diversity programs/facilities that are ideologically driven and

discriminatory against 99% of the population. Local government needs to do more with less. Just like the rest of us. 2. I still see no sign of planning for a second harbour crossing. When will this move ahead? Yes, I am sure it will involve many government bodies but someone has to drive it and that must surely be on your radar. 3. More recycling please. And education for people to reduce waste, such as having a compost bin for every home that oncludes a garden. I see many people putting out huge amounts waste every week and yet we manage with a small rubbish bag once a month. 4. Pest and animal control. Please manage the cat issue. Yes, they are sweet cuddly pets, but they are also born killers. Cats must be contained by any property owner. Wandering cats should be considered feral and dealt with accordingly. 5. Subdivision and set aside of land for revegetation. Please introduce a general requirement for all subdivisions (especially rural) that all riparian margins be planted with native plants. Its the only way to ensure some measure of restoration of the environment, which will also benefit water quality, reduce flooding and slips, and encourage native species.to rebuild.

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

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Support

**Tell us why**

BUT, some events become disguised as 'cultural' and are fundamentally not. Cut the DEI programs: they have no place in a democratic society.

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

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Support

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More recycling and education required. See initial comments.

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Rodney

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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

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Very important

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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)**

I am particularly pleased to see the new focus on waterway restoration. Would very much like to see both a revegetation subsidy for landowners, as well as mandatory riparian restoration as part of any subdivision. In addition, there is a need to educate the population about the need to plant natives as opposed to exotics.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

Support all

Tell us why

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

Support

**Tell us why**

I support this, and would support this being a permanent, year-round levy for short-term stays.

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney, Upper Harbour

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

### North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of

local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

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

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

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

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

## Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

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 want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

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

Local arts and culture activities,Community programmes and services,Libraries facilities - opening hours and services

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Yes

**Tell us why**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Most of the proposed annual plan is intended for urban areas. Rural places seem to be a cash cow for the city with no thought or intention for anything (infrastructure & facilities etc) out in the smaller centres, let alone rural.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Only fair as the city is the destination and people both international & kiwi's go to those events and stay at the city establishments.

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

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Support

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

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## Question 4:

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

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**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)

Environment and Roding are still the most important to me. This is closely followed by physical activity through opportunities, not just for children, people and horses. Seniors with dogs also need places where we and our canine companions feel safe, Well fenced dog parks so our dogs can run about and are stimulated with dog play equipment and the seniors don't have to walk great distances.

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### Tell us why

AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payers need to. Council costs have not reduced, which is very disappointing. Auckland is made up of suburban and rural, yet rural is often forgotten and delivery on amenities reduced. Point in case - watercare have reduced the number of water points water trucks can fill up with no notice, its NOT good

enough and - as it is very dry rural people have and are running out of water - how about turning off for suburban homes instead?? No as that health and safety - what about rural people - they need water too

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Do not support

### Tell us why

Having a bed tax on str's is very short sighted, most are small or micro business earning well less than \$60k a year. the str's are providing a service in Auckland and encouraging visitors to come with the use of a home instead of a hotel, meaning that they can bring their children and pets. Most str's are not in the CBD and therefore do NOT benefit from the ASB classic, ak Marathon or writers festival, sailing events or anything else on in Auckland central. The council needs to be aware that Auckland has a huge geographic spread and does not revolve around the CBD. Most str's are providing services that are not otherwise available and do NOT need another tax. AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payers need to. AK council can NOT be trusted to spend more money wisely, they do NOT spend our current rates grab wisely

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Do not support

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

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Do not trust Ak council to supply more cost effectively than the current provider for waste management removal. Rural properties get NOTHING from the council and yet our rates are sky high. we have no water, waste water, foot paths, street lighting, drains... the list goes on. how come waste is included for residential properties and NOT for rural? this is again the council focusing on residential properties and NOT rural and making rural pay more and more and they get less and less. AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payer need to.

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**Tell us why**

Looking after what we have is a priority when funds are tight, get rid of vanity projects and focus on core functions only. focus on clearly measurable outcomes for our community

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I agree that investment should be where it is most needed, and that it should be prioritised.

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Support

#### **Tell us why**

I have worked in the tourism industry, in Auckland, for 40 years and I believe the bed night visitor levy as outlined above is the fairest way forward and essential for funding destination marketing and major events.

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We recycle most of our waste and currently use Northland Waste for disposal. It's not clear what the options will be for householders in Rodney. Better information should be distributed per household. We compost food scraps and are hoping the proposal doesn't include paying for the little food scrap bins currently in use in Auckland City. We would never use them and believe it is unfair to be charged for them. Could we please have some clarity on this?

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#### Tell us why

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

All of the above are equally and very important for the well-being of communities in Rodney.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Having a bed tax on str's is very short sighted, most are small or micro business earning well less than \$60k a year. The str's are providing a service in Auckland and encouraging visitors to come with the use of a home instead of a hotel, meaning that they can bring their children and pets. Most str's are not in the CBD and therefore do NOT benefit from the ASB classic, ak Marathon or writers festival or sailing events or anything else on in Auckland central. The council needs to be aware that Auckland has a huge geographic spread and does not revolve around the CBD. Most str's are providing services that are not otherwise available and do NOT need another tax. AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payers like me as a pensioner need to.

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

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

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Do not support

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

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

Do not trust Ak council to supply more cost effectively than the current provider for waste management removal. Rural properties get NOTHING from the council and yet our rates are sky high. we have no water, waste water, foot paths, street lighting, drains... the list goes on. how come waste is included for residential properties and NOT for rural? this is again the council focusing on residential properties and NOT rural and making rural pay more and more and they get less and less. AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payer need to.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Rodney

### **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Looking after what we have is a priority when funds are tight, get rid of vanity projects and focus on core functions only. focus on clearly measurable outcomes for our community

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

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Very important

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Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

Less important

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

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

Less important

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

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AK council needs to reduce their costs more and live within their means, like all rate payers need to. As a pensioner I will NOT get a 5.8% wage increase, I will NOT get an increase anywhere near to cover my bills, so I need to cut my costs - council needs to do the same!! Complete the minimums to keep the reserves, etc functional without removing basic amenities like rubbish bins. Why is the proposed cemetery plan for 1082 State highway 16 Rewiti in Rodney NOT in the long term plan???!! it is major and should be. AK Council is looking to take 172 hectares without public consultation and without any proposed plans for infrastructure. I do NOT support 1080 state highway 16 Rewiti being used as a cemetery. I do not support STR bed tax I do not support a rate increase - AK council needs to drastically reduce their costs, just like majority of households in AK need to and live within their means, rate increases should be less than inflation if the council is run well.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

[1] Too much spend on promotion of Auckland that will only benefit corporates [often overseas based owners], International Activities that charge fees to attend or view - like the recent boat races, should be self funding by them. [2] Way to much spend on the CBD whilst greater Auckland region misses out - CBD is dead anyway.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Let them pay not ratepayers.

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Do not support

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

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WHY make me pay more for your rubbish collection - we do not use bags and have an efficient weekly private collection in Rodney. Why change it - that's right because you can and later on once a week to once a fortnight = dumb.

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

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Too much influence is put onto the Local Board from groups often not based in the area to get their opinion 'to the top' while actual needs are ignored. It would be interesting to canvas school children for their input as they could provide the unfiltered opinions of tomorrows voters.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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Less 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**

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

The do a good job with the constraints put on them by the Greater Council. Better traffic management is one thing the could do but are not allowed.

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

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NO COUNCIL MONEY for this - they own the mountains so they should pay for maintenance, access has been restricted, the mountains have already been vandalised by so called preparation work - 'deforestation & destruction'.

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Most of the initiatives planned seem reasonable and should be of benefit to most aucklanders. However, I strongly disagree with the council allocating funds to a single cultural group at the exclusion of others - in this instance Maori. One example given in the proposed plan was for work done to improve marae's - this is private land / buildings, not council/public owned, and it should

not be spending public funds on these activities. If a marae needs renovating this should be paid for via its members and/or treaty settlement funds. The council has a duty to serve all its residents, and race based spending / giving priority treatment at the expense of others is not acceptable in my view. We are all supposed to be equal.

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Support

### Tell us why

It's a small fee which won't be noticed by short term visitors, and helps to pay for the miscellaneous costs the city incurs from their stay during events (disruption to traffic, greater use of services, healthcare etc). The city needs more events and this seems a fair compromise to get them.

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

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Support most

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

I don't know

### Tell us why

The local board priorities are so vague and superficial that it is hard to even get a glimpse of what they plan to do. I get the point of having a summary document that can be easily digested by the constituents, but it lacks the minimum details.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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

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I do not support the increase in rates given, most people have been hit pretty hard by the increase of interest rates and slowdown of the economy

## Question 4:

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

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

The list of priorities is so vague that is really hard to support or do not support as most of the points are just gross initiatives without any meaningful insights.

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

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Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Rodney has grown exponentially in the last 10 years, but infrastructure has not followed suit. We have a huge gap in services, recreational options, available public transport, schools (no high schools) and general roading infrastructure. Although residents of Rodney, pay the same rates as

any other Auckland local board, it feels like we're behind in basic infrastructure provided by the council.

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The plan should be more detailed, even if shared in a secondary document.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Everyone else can budget and live within their own means, time council try it.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Get back to council basics - core services and that is it.

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Do not support

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

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You pay for the amount you put out, not a fee for a full bin each week full or not

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Rodney, Waitematā

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

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Save money as it is hard earned by the ratepayers

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

Fully support waterways and green areas but as stated do the basics well, same as town centres keep them clean and tidy nowhere in Rodney should look like the poor state of Queen Street.

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

## Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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

### **Tell us why**

Do not support most

### **Tell us why**

Budget and spend our money wisely

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**

Fairly important

#### **Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Fairly important

#### **Starting construction for Leys Institute**

I don't know

#### **Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

I don't know

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

#### **Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Fairly important

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

Item 5. - then why are you getting rid of speedway as we have very little areas left for Motorsport. Next will be Rosebank road. Mt Wellington has already gone but how many rugby and football fields are in Auckland!

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)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Leave speedway alone, you were supposed to build Colin dale park if Motorsport was going to be relocated.

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Support

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Support all

### Tell us why

The Future Fund is absolutely necessary to deal with increasingly frequent climate events, and means more money is not being wrung out of people who are most affected, and can least afford it. especially with regard to Transport, and Water Supply. The cap on public transport fares is a good start but should eventually be lowered if economical transport within Auckland district is a

desired outcome. Commend the council for reorganising Auckland Transport expenditure and obligations. Commend the council for continuing to provide well being activities that are nice to have according to some ppl, but are actually essential to a vibrant city.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It will help make the city a more interesting place if it is spent on cultural activities, also its a form of 'user pays'.

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Other

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Re refuse Targeted rate; we (my family) attempt to recycle or reuse everything that comes on to our property., we use very few rubbish bags, and go out of our way to not purchase items with excess packaging etc. ATM the bought rubbish bags seems fairer to us.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

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good to see review of planning re gaps in reserves and accessibility- recognise its difficult to deliver quality lifestyles with access to outdoor areas in such a large district with many gravel roads.

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To the extent that I have researched and understood the material, this mostly seems fine to me.

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Support

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

Support Walking & Physical activity - Snells Beach desperately needs more zebra crossings for our Snells Beach School and Mahu kids. It is SOOOOO dangerous. Why are we spending money right now to tear up 90 meters of pathways the kids can safely enjoy for the birds, while we've been begging for 2 more safe crosswalks over Mahurangi East Road for over 3 years? I have witnessed 2 children on separate occasions almost hit by cars (cars going over 60 kph in the school zone). It is VERY dangerous. I love birds and happy to give them some beach back at some point in the next 3-5 years (plan it with the same delays as our crosswalks and skate park updates, yeah?) Give us the crosswalks first, please!!! As for supporting walking and to attest to our families use of the beachfront path, explore putting the path on the other side of the river down to the end. We live on the beach front and have a path in our front yard and we don't mind...should be minimal

disruption to the houses and it is council land... We utilize the path for physical activity as a family multiple times a week and hate to see it go (so out of the blue and ahead of other needed projects) without a backup plan like addition new path or viewing platforms with bird information and binoculars etc. GAPS in community needs. Given Rodney was one of the fastest growing areas in New Zealand on the latest census, many believe plans for a Warkworth public pool in the next 10 years are very overdue. Most people know that Northern Arena is very restrictive on memberships (expensive) and doesn't have casual and affordable open pool times. To better serve the growing area, Auckland should start to plan now for a pool in the future. This is a huge gap for all ages with a huge demand. It may take time, but all the more reason to get started. SERVICES - the Libraries are great and we can't wait for them to reopen. Why has the Snells Beach Skate Park upgrades been moved out another year. The park is well used and outdated to the point of being dangerous. Spend less on mowing our lawns and do what is required to keep our kids safe please. The park needs repairs.

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## **Subject: Submission to Rodney Local Board – Partnering to Build a Stronger Community**

Dear Members of the Rodney Local Board,

On behalf of the **Kawau Bay Action Group (KBAG)**, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the **Rodney Local Board's strategic planning for 2025/2026**. Our goal is to collaborate with the council to strengthen long-term community development strategies for the Mahurangi region.

### **Who We Are**

KBAG is a community-led organization (soon to be a charitable trust) based in the Mahurangi Peninsula. We are committed to:

- **Strengthening community connections** through festivals and shared projects.
- **Enhancing public amenities** by working alongside the council and local stakeholders.
- **Promoting Mahurangi** as a vibrant, active, and attractive place to live and visit.

### **Working in Alignment with the Rodney Local Board**

We support the Local Board's focus on **enhancing community services, activating local spaces, and improving reserves and recreational areas**. KBAG is well-positioned to help **turn these priorities into action** by engaging residents, activating underutilized spaces, and ensuring that development is community-driven.

Our **key initiatives** align with these goals:

- **Festivals & Events as a Catalyst for Community Development**
  - KBAG has successfully organized events like the **2024 Christmas Festival (2,000 attendees)** and the **2023 Old Warehouse Community Night (1,000 attendees)**.
  - These events provide a **platform for local businesses, artists, and community groups**, strengthening regional identity and economic activity.
  - We see these festivals not just as entertainment but as tools to **engage the community in shaping its own future**, encouraging greater participation in local decision-making.
- **A Community-Led Vision for the Recreational Precinct**
  - We support the **long-term development of a Recreational Precinct in Snells Beach**, enhancing existing assets and creating new opportunities for recreation, culture, and social connection.
  - This vision is modeled on the successful **Mangawhai Action Zone**, which has transformed community engagement in that region.
  - The precinct can serve as a **hub for multi-generational activities**, improving physical and mental well-being in our communities.

- We believe a **co-investment approach** (council, community, private sector) can ensure sustainable development over time.
- **Maximizing and Improving Existing Infrastructure**
  - **Tennis courts, bowling greens, and the skate park** should be enhanced to meet the needs of a growing and active population.
  - The **underutilized community station** could be repurposed into an **arts and cultural centre**, providing a space for creative expression.
  - Open spaces in the area could be activated through **frisbee golf, mountain biking tracks, and playgrounds**, making better use of local reserves.

## How KBAG Can Support Council's Strategic Goals

KBAG is uniquely placed to **work alongside the council** in designing and delivering projects that reflect local priorities. Our role includes:

- **Community Consultation & Engagement** – Ensuring the community's voice is central to planning.
- **Project Ideation & Activation** – Piloting small-scale projects to demonstrate value and feasibility before scaling up.
- **Local Partnerships & Advocacy** – Connecting stakeholders (businesses, sports groups, arts communities) to maximize impact.
- **Encouraging Private & Public Collaboration** – Exploring innovative funding models and co-investment opportunities.

## Looking Forward

We believe that **KBAG and the Rodney Local Board can work in partnership** to shape a thriving future for Mahurangi. Rather than seeking one-off funding, we are committed to **developing a long-term, community-driven approach to regional development**.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on:

1. **Strategic Planning Workshops** – Co-developing a long-term vision for Mahurangi's recreational and cultural infrastructure.
2. **Community Activation Initiatives** – Supporting local events and pilot projects that engage residents.
3. **Public-Private Investment Pathways** – Identifying sustainable funding approaches that reduce reliance on council budgets.

We look forward to discussing how KBAG can play an active role in supporting the Local Board's goals for 2025/2026 and beyond.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Kawau Bay Action Group (KBAG)

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Support most

### Tell us why

Rating should be discounted for retirees

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Support

**Tell us why**

That tax targets the people that were encouraged to come to NZ I.E. it is self funding, presumably the money used for advertising will be correctly targeted to achieve this.

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Do not support

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The current system means user pays and is fairer.

## **Question 4:**

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Support most

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We have the worst roads in New Zealand. Please sort them out!!!!

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The council toilets are in definite need of upgrading, if this is included in the current building it will also improve the library and council office.

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### Tell us why

Major events are of greatest benefit to Central Auckland businesses (accommodation & hospitality) - they or users should cover the burden of the cost not general ratepayers. Current partnership approach at Tataki Auckland Unlimited means promotion is city centric not Auckland region overall. Ideally levy is nation and does not need to be so high 1.5% and only cover major event attraction not all tataki Auckland activity.

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By fix a system that from the user perspective is not broken? While the whole change has been poorly communicated (only through local media not via council) it does appear to penalise the light user who has already taken steps to reduce their footprint. better communication please given timing is rapidly approaching - again token consultation.

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Still alot of soft money for some community activities (does a library in Warkworth need to be open all weekend?). the proportion allocated to governance is a little excessive on such a small budget. On this budget give greater autonomy to elected officials and reduce budget to workshops, meetings etc which are excessive.

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Having a council leisure centre in warkworth, pools disability access to parks more. Inclusive action

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Do not support most

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There remains too much wastage in council spending and a lack of focus on delivering the basic services well. No rates increase above inflation is acceptable. There remain numerous areas overdue for restructure and downsizing like AT and Auckland Unlimited.

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I think that the Council is doing its best with very limited financial resources

### 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**

Provided the levy is not too high visitors will scarcely notice the additional payment,, which will help to fund the various projects

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

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Do not support

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

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The financial funding (\$26m) to support the proposed rates and fees applicable to Rodney Local Board seem to be reasonable in the present financial climate. But the proposed new waste management fees just adds to the already high Rates and Taxes bill for the average ratepayer to pay.

## **Question 4:**

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**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

At least most local priorities will be supported to some extent

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Libraries etc are more important to support than cycle tracks, which are more suited to young people wanting to do it for leisure. Bicycles are just not practical for most workers, shoppers and

residents with young families whose children need to be taken to various school activities such as ballet, soccer, tennis etc.

### **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**

I just wish that Auckland Traffic would think and plan better before spending millions of dollars on projects such as raised walkways at traffic lights

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Its hard to keep having rates increases. Especially at a higher rate than inflation

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I dont know enough about it

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

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Do not support

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

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

Rubbish collection is fine how it is

### **Question 4:**

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

sounds like a good plan overall

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

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Very important

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

Fairly important

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Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

community services for youth are lacking in Rodney

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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**Tell us here**

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

Support most

### Tell us why

It supports the most crucial issues we are currently facing living in Auckland. Transport and roading, water supply and funding for communities.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

**Tell us why**

Auckland is a melting pot of cultures and we have so much to share with the world.

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

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Support

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

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

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey

## **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?

**Do not support most**

**Tell us why**

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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**

Very important

**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)**

Very important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Less important

**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**

Very important

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

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Pasifika Festival 2025: Fiji Village Feedback: As an active Fijian community member I have been concerned for the Fiji Village for a number of years as there is no real connection with the community. The current coordinator has been in that position for years and hasn't really made an effort to connect and involve the Fijian community in general. There is a huge Fijian community residing in Auckland but not even a fraction of them turn up to support the village when compared to the likes of Tuvalu. We need a change of leadership for the village to come to life and be a communal gathering.

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Support most

### Tell us why

There is not nearly enough focus on the children's facilities, parks with SHADE, community halls in developments and more trees and shade.

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

Support

**Tell us why**

I agree

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

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Do not support

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

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

No

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

There should be more plans, there are no community hall spaces for new developments, no shades for parks, minimal parks.

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

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

7. Increased safety in our community means safer road designs, small roundabouts, narrow streets, lack of parking space, no large trees or shade, no bins, no community spaces, no feedback boxes. There isn't even a clear way to say hey we need this in our community as residents have to head up the project and most of us do not have the time. There needs to be an easier way to

communcate our needs and have surveys sent to residents to see what people want as developers and board members seem to have no clue on who does what.

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Please create more spaces for the kids.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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

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We already pay the bin collection and don't use rubbish bags.

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

I don't know

#### Tell us why

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

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Less important

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Support

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

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

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None

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Support most

### Tell us why

We are retired living on a pension in Helensville area and rates do take a good part of it abit more rates relief will help

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

If going to cultural or sports etc events should not it be self funding otherwise special interest groups seem to misappropriate the money as history shows us.

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Do not support

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We use rubbish bags in helensville as there is only 2 of us ,others with larger family's pay a private service for different size bins so why change a working system unless you can improve it

## Question 4:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Generally support most of proposals but some I would object to if not a benefit to local people

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Generally agree but safety is priority

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Basic maintenance is top priority but cultural elements are a overhead that is part of a wish list not a must have.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

We pay enough taxes as it is. You need to slash your spending, not just add new taxes for everything. Stick to your core role of rubbish, roads and water.

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

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

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

Do not support

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

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I oppose the Refuse Targeted Rate as I am a very low user and very rarely put out a rubbish bag, so a targeted rate would penalise me and charge me for something I do not use. Rubbish bags were introduced as user pays. I realise a minority use whatever bag and put out without paying, however, that should not penalise the majority of us.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

Ditch the PF50 and climate nonsense. Stick to your core functions rubbish, roads and water. English needs to be first. I found it extremely hard to read with Maori titles first, then English!

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

Support most

### Tell us why

Focusing on supporting community groups, organizations and landowners to protect the natural environment, inclusion wetlands and waterways is incredibly important. I support the continuation of the natural environment targeted rate, but would like to see more investment from local boards

(Rodney Local Board in particular) to support community and landowners via funding or grants to protect waterways, wetlands and coordinate catchment group efforts.

## **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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Do not support

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

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Support continuation of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

There needs to be much more support for the numerous community and catchment groups who are undertaking incredible work bringing together communities to protect the natural environment. There should be the provision of funding or grants from the Rodney Local Board for Community and Catchment Groups so they can support their communities: funding should be available for coordinator time, fencing off wetlands and waterways, native planting, pest control, biodiversity monitoring.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

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.**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Priority #3: the value for money provided via community and catchment groups is immense, increasing the support directly to these groups to enable bottom up understanding of their community needs and support is very significant.

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Less important

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

Support most

### Tell us why

I support investment heavily now in public light rail. A light rail system from orewa to the CBD should be #1 on Auckland future growth radar.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Not everyone staying in that area may be attending an event and will be subject to an unfair charge.

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Do not support

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

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I live in Warkworth, I pay for private collection with Northland Waste (which utilizes a bin). I pay per collection so the less I put my bin out the more I save. This new rates based proposal makes it more expensive for me and many others who don't produce much waste. I utilize the return of soft plastics back to the stores etc.

## Question 4:

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Do not support most

#### Tell us why

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

it will make less tourists come here to spend money

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Do not support

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

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most people don't put enough rubbish out to make it weekly. we only put bin out 3 times a year tags are better

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

None



## Question 5: Other feedback

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get rid of Auckland Transport



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Support most

Tell us why

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## **Question 4:**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us here**

Please make public transport more accessible and affordable, you've been increasing the prices consistently from last few years, this is ridiculous. If you want people to travel to Auckland cbd from far off areas, please reduce the price.

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

Support all

### Tell us why

Auckland is a growing region with important natural and physical heritage, as well as social and physical infrastructure needs that must be met. a balanced approach recognises that the costs of services continues to increase, and growth related needs have to be funded. The proposed

investment in community and physical infrastructure, spread across rates and debt are modest and prudent

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Support

### **Tell us why**

Visitors to the region bring vibrancy and economic stimulus. It's a great place to live and to visit. But those who incur the costs and benefits of visitors should pay for their support services, not just the residents here who pay rates

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Do not support

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

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We support the current user-pays system of rubbish collection for Rodney residents because it recognises that those who produce less waste, pay less. User pays charges for rubbish incentivise waste reduction. We don't think there's a good reason to go to blanket charges for this service

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Specifically because Rodney's arts facilities are underfunded, in their own right and relative to the growth in the area, demand for services, and relative to other areas. Also because greenways and non-car based travel options are currently under-developed and that means getting around by foot, bike, or horse, are unsafe. We need our public bodies to build in safe, resilient, cost-effective, non-car alternatives to travel Rodney's natural environment, including its rivers and marine environment are also really important and significant for the region, so need increased support, including pest control, education, and policy advocacy

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Provide more funding for Kumeu and Helensville Arts Centres. Kumeu should be funded to the value of at least \$100,000 pa given the services it provides. Invest more in safe walking and cycling

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**Tell us here**

Budget for undergrounding powerlines in Huapai Advocate for marine stewardship, Māui and Hector's dolphins in particular, which are only found here Reinstigate a contestable fund for small grants for community groups - since this was disestablished, it is very difficult for small groups to get funding if they're not part of larger pest control groups. For example, there is no funding available for projects like Kumeu Community Gardens which delivers food security, resilience and community development outcomes, and which is not eligible for regional grants, but where small amounts would make a huge difference.



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

Support most

Tell us why

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

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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

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Support

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

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

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

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Support all

**Tell us why**

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Very important

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

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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### Tell us why

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Less focus on roads, more focus on alternative transport. The just one more lane bro mentality does not work forever.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Transport in West Auckland is a joke. AT got rid of the 125X from Helensville to the CBD, making it now a 90+ minute journey (previously 1h10m) in the mornings - and up to 2 hours in the afternoons thanks to long waits and unreliable bus times at Westgate (if they show up, they're usually late). Traffic past Riverhead in the mornings is now backing up to Kumeu Village - and yet nothing is

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Do not support

### Tell us why

Hotels already surge pricing around major events. This will make out-of-towners less likely to come to Auckland for major events such as concerts - our events scene will suffer as a result. Cap hotel price gouging prior to introducing this new levy and keep it affordable for kiwis.

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No point in further funding sports and recreation facilities until more is done to protect the ones we already have!

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Kumeu, Taupaki and Waitakere are becoming a target due to the lack of police presence at night. Last week alone, several vehicles were stolen over two nights. It's unacceptable.

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With regards to water quality - Warkworth town supply is bore water that is not sufficiently filtered to remove silica. This causes major costs to households due to the quick deterioration of all plumbing and surfaces in regular contact with the water. We frequently have to replace otherwise fine appliances and plumbing. Please can we either receive compensation for this huge cost, or can the filtration systems be improved. And with regards to promoting physical activity, please can you consider building playgrounds appropriate for adults and children. That is, the size and weight bearing of the equipment is suitable for both children and adults. It's so much fun and increasing agility and strength in a fun way with your kids as well, is a great way to encourage all the whanau to move their bodies. Thank you!

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Support

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So long as air bnb is included, I would favour a higher levy for residential accommodation that has been repurposed.

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As a resident of Rodney, I support fair distribution of funding towards our district and have already endorsed the local board plan. Rodney, and the Warkworth-Mahurangi-Matakana areas have anticipated growth of 4x over the next 10-15 years. Its crucial that the region maintains sufficient

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Support

**Tell us why**

Auckland should have the ambition of becoming a major global city that attracts talent and business and tourists. In order to do that it must invest in improving its facilities and activities. I support a levy that seeks to promote major activities.

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#### Tell us why

Dear Members of the Rodney Local Board, As members of the Kawau Bay Action Group (KBAG), we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the Rodney Local Board's strategic planning for 2025/2026. Our goal is to collaborate with the council to strengthen long-term community development strategies for the Mahurangi region. Who We Are KBAG is a community-led organization (soon to be a charitable trust) based in the Mahurangi Peninsula. We are committed to: Strengthening community connections through festivals and shared projects. Enhancing public amenities by working alongside the council and local stakeholders. Promoting Mahurangi as a vibrant, active, and attractive place to live and visit. Working in Alignment with the Rodney Local Board We support the Local Board's focus on enhancing community services, activating local spaces, and improving reserves and recreational areas. KBAG is well-positioned to help turn these priorities into action by engaging residents, activating underutilized spaces, and ensuring that development is community-driven. Our key initiatives align with these goals: Festivals & Events as a Catalyst for Community Development KBAG has successfully organized events like the 2024 Christmas Festival (2,000 attendees) and the 2023 Old Warehouse Community Night (1,000 attendees). These events provide a platform for local businesses, artists, and community groups, strengthening regional identity and economic activity. We see these festivals not just as entertainment but as tools to engage the community in shaping its own future, encouraging greater participation in local decision-making. A Community-Led Vision for the Recreational Precinct We support the long-term development of a Recreational Precinct in Snells Beach, enhancing existing assets and creating new opportunities for recreation, culture, and social connection. This vision is modeled on the successful Mangawhai Action Zone, which has transformed community engagement in that region. The precinct can serve as a hub for multi-generational activities, improving physical and mental well-being in our communities. We believe a co-investment approach (council, community, private sector) can ensure sustainable development over time. Maximizing and Improving Existing Infrastructure Tennis courts, bowling greens, and the skate park should be enhanced to meet the needs of a growing and active population. The underutilized community station could be repurposed into an arts and cultural centre, providing a space for creative expression. Open spaces in the area could be activated through frisbee golf, mountain biking tracks, and playgrounds, making better use of local reserves. How KBAG Can Support Council's Strategic Goals KBAG is uniquely placed to work alongside the council in designing and delivering projects that reflect local priorities. Our role includes: Community Consultation & Engagement – Ensuring the community's voice is central to planning. Project Ideation & Activation – Piloting small-scale projects to demonstrate value and feasibility before scaling up. Local

Partnerships & Advocacy – Connecting stakeholders (businesses, sports groups, arts communities) to maximize impact. Encouraging Private & Public Collaboration – Exploring innovative funding models and co-investment opportunities. Looking Forward We believe that KBAG and the Rodney Local Board can work in partnership to shape a thriving future for Mahurangi. Rather than seeking one-off funding, we are committed to developing a long-term, community-driven approach to regional development. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on: Strategic Planning Workshops – Co-developing a long-term vision for Mahurangi’s recreational and cultural infrastructure. Community Activation Initiatives – Supporting local events and pilot projects that engage residents. Public-Private Investment Pathways – Identifying sustainable funding approaches that reduce reliance on council budgets. We look forward to discussing how KBAG can play an active role in supporting the Local Board’s goals for 2025/2026 and beyond. Sincerely, Members of Kawau Bay Action Group (KBAG)

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Mainly because there are some areas I believe that the Council should not be involved with. I totally disagree with the proposal to promote Auckland events. Private enterprise is best for such activities and they are more than capable of establishing, funding and taking risks about such events. Ratepayers should not be required to cover such risks.

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In Rodney we have always enjoyed a private, efficient and excellent service (Northland Waste), and other than the Council trying to have total control over every aspect of our lives, I fail to see that the Council's proposal will better, or even equal to our long-serviced private enterprise, which also provides local employment. Further to this, we do not have any free green waste sites. Other Council areas do, which negates the equal Council services in our region.

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Northwestern are continuing to expand yet nothing done on the infrastructure to cater the growth. Roads between Kumeu and Whenuapai are constantly jam with bad traffic management. Buses are pain in the \*\*\*\*\* to transfer and unreliable. College/High Schools are not prioritised to be build as well. We all need to rely on massey high school as our options which is not feasible. New college/high schools for year 9-13 needs to be build around kumeu/huapai/waimauku areas.

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Support most

### Tell us why

The fact that there is a well thought out plan and that it seems to be reviewable is certainly encouraging. There are parts that I'm not sure about, but overall, it looks good.

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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**

Nothing to object to.

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

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

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I don't know

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

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I can't figure out what this is, or what it means. I've read the relevant part of the document and I'm non the wiser. I live in rural Rodney, does this mean the charges to me will go up?

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

I don't know

#### Tell us why

I have no idea what they are.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Very important

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

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

Very important

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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)

They are all important, how could one of them not be?

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Roads... this is or is not the council? I have a general comment - too many 'agencies'.

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Support

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Support

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Strongly object to Increase to the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate. All thinking people now realise this is a scam. The climate has ALWAYS changed, long before humans had evolved. Object to increasing dog registration (adoption?) fees beyond inflation.

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Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I am angry that they seem to want to persist with a speed hump pedestrian crossing in the Coatesville Village, when a traffic light-controlled crossing would be less expensive. I think the Board are being VERY arrogant with their anti-car attitudes, wanting to create a 24x7 traffic hazard (especially for emergency vehicles and large trucks (lots of them on CRH)), when other Boards/Councils have been instructed to remove speed bumps!

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**Tell us why**

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Support

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

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Less important

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Support most

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Support

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Do not support

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

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Rubbish Collection: I am yet to be convinced that the excellent rubbish collection service that we have enjoyed for decades in the Warkworth area can be improved upon by a council funded service. What is the problem that your proposal is trying to resolve? In order to reduce what we send to landfill we need the option of a more frequent collection for green waste, please. As the green waste can be turned into revenue-earning compost, the collection should be charged at an affordable price.

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Support all

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Support most

### Tell us why

Transport being a focus appeals to me. Local community support less so, cos the local boards seem pointless and irrelevant to me in terms of services. And I supply my own water so, shrug.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Yes, but if we want decent international events can we also please look at the silly, restrictive curfew situations? I would be annoyed to pay to come to a show that has to shut down prematurely because it's everyone's bed time. This is having an impact NOW - can events run to midnight please?

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Support

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I've been waiting for this for ages, yes please.

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Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Frankly, Rodney seems dominated by the north at the expense of NW. I don't use any of these services. In the NW, transport improvement is the only thing that matters if any of us have a chance of using these community services, rather than sitting in traffic. Yeah yeah local boards don't to transport - but I expect advocacy for transport improvement in NW over yet another reserve thanks.

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This is all fluff.

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I don't have an opinion on board's irrelevant to my home but fairly happy with the general plan.

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Support most

#### **Tell us why**

They all seem good in theory but not enough explanation on how to achieve these and not enough info on how to rapidly improve transport in and out of residential areas on SH16 to Hellensville

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Less important

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

Less important

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

We desperately need more transport options moving between Hellensville and the city

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

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

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

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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)*

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I have the misfortune to live in what was formerly Rodney, and now has the dubious honour of being Auckland. We do not belong in Auckland. I'm paying rates for infrastructure I'll never use, the planning department is awful. They make so many mistakes and don't enforce regulations.

The council should stick to infrastructure and stay out of business . I agree to support libraries and parks, but that's it. We're told growth is good, but the rates never go down - only up.

## **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**

Users pay. Businesses benefit from these events so they should shoulder the burden of holding and facilitating them

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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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The idea is sound - making everyone pay for waste collection. The problem I have is that it doesn't encourage waste minimisation. In my case I use very few bags per year so I'm taking a financial hit. I recycle as much as possible.

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

Making sure there is enough green space for every person is critical for the well being of society. Improving libraries is important . Cycle ways are a great idea.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Seems fair and future proofing

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Support

**Tell us why**

User pays

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Do not support

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

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

Rubbish collection by councils and disposal doesn't work for all properties ... need to have options.

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

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Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Having safe spaces and places to be active in the community for children, families and teenagers is a key factor in quality of life and future wellbeing.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not agree with the removal of Western Springs Speedway and move to Waikaraka Park. It should stay where it is.

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Support

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

Do not support any

#### **Tell us why**

There is a very important and well overdue need for a high school in Kumeu area, servicing Huapai, Kumeu, Riverhead, Taupaki, Waimauku and more. Where is this on the plan?

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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Less important

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This plan is laughable

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Support most

### Tell us why

I strongly believe we need to invest in infrastructure to protect council and private assets from climate change - in particular sea level rise.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I think Air B&B owners should be charged commercial rates instead

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Do not support

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

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Our rates are very high in our village as property prices are high, but there' is little to no plan to invest in our sea walls or infrastructure to protect against future coastal inundation

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

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

We have severe coastal inundation risks which there is no real plans on how to manage

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

The reserves in our favourite locations are at risk of climate change, and need protection. There is no mention of traffic issues or dog control in the plan.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I'm very worried about lack of investment to prevent coastal inundation in my area. I'm paying more for insurance but there is no plan to update our Seawall that protects our reserve.

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I've just paid for a year of using my rubbish bin from Northwaste !

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Those issues are not what the local board should be focused on. We need investment in coastal protection where the Council have indicated we are at risk of sea level rise.

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

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

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We desperately need investment in protecting communities around Whangateau Harbour from coastal inundation risks and flooding.

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I don't know

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

Number 1. Art is proven to have a positive effect on mood. In these stressful times, supporting Kumeu Arts should be a very high priority given the large amount of community outreach work they do, making arts accessible to everyone and always creating new and enriching programs for the community.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Funding should come from cuts to spending not rates increases. Council and government spending is put of control on lots of projects. All of these plans and still no funding for drain maintenance or flood mitigation? What a joke.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I would support this if you kept western springs speedway. Since you're more interested in writers festivals than 96 years of history I will not support this.

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

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

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

Do not support

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

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Look at your bad spending before you increase rates. All you do is take take take and give nothing

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

After the flooding there is still no stormwater maintenance fund? When I was growing up in Kumeu and it was the Rodney council in charge of everything, a sweeper truck would sweep up all the road silt on the main road of Kumeu and surrounding areas. They say the Auckland council took over that truck was never to be seen again. Now look at the town, it floods when it rains for an hour.. and your only solution is move Kumeu.... Get your heads out of where the sun doesn't shine.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

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**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Rates going up but the drains are blocked and there are weeds growing everywhere but you want to fund libraries and art centres? Where are your brains

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Clean and maintain the drains before winter. That's where you should be spending my money.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

There's no way to differentiate between international, inter regional or local citizens. Those staying within the same city they live in but close enough for events to attend is outrageous to penalise them.

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

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Do not support

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

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

My waste management payments are cheaper than what is being proposed by the council plan.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Albert-Eden, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Rodney

## **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?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

The loss of Western Springs Stadium is such a short sighted decision. The shady tactics by the council and misrepresentation is nothing short of illegal. Western Springs Speedway has been located there for 96 years. The loss of this series at Western Springs will be such an economic loss as this draws international drivers and spectators from out of Auckland. The development of Waikaraka park won't be able to handle the classes that Western Springs has, and there is no way that this will be done in time for the new season. There is minimal spectator space at Waikaraka and will not succeed. Reinvestment into repairing Western Springs from the flooding that should have been invested following this event.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Local parks - western springs stadium. Speedway needs to remain at this stadium and not be relocated to the substandard location at Waikaraka as even after redevelopment will not be appropriate or following development

## **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?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Waikaraka Park is not an appropriate alternative to Western Springs Stadium for Speedway racing even after the investment in infrastructure

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**

Less important

**Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

Less important

**More support to volunteer networks**

Less important

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

Less important

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

Western Springs needs to maintain speedway - waikaraka park won't draw the international racers or events even with redevelopment.

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

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

Community events,Sports and park activation activities

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

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

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

I don't know

**Tell us why****Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The goals don't align with my expectations

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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

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

Less important

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

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**

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

The bypass has been spoken of for such a long time but there's been no action. This should be the top priority for the area, nothing else. Transport Infrastructure is severely lacking and should be prioritised over green spaces in the area

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**Tell us here**

Speedway needs to remain at Western Springs Stadium. The loss of this stadium for a football team that already have a purpose built stadium is ridiculous. The economic benefit of the football stadium vs speedway won't pay off. Speedway has been at Western Springs for 96 years. This must remain and is part of the heritage of the area.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Seems work in Tauranga

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

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I don't know

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

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

Greenways: horse riding facilities and bridle ways lacking in Rodney proportional to the equestrians in the area. Would love more bridleways or horse parks or all weather arena at Warkworth or Matakana pony club with bridleways track around perimeter that public Could use also when grass too soft to walk on

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Trains out to Kumeu all the way to Helensville. Council forget we are out here. Two bus in the morning and two in the evening, not good enough. They don't even go straight in the motorway takes way too long.

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Other

**Tell us why**

Yeah fine for the big hotels but small business it will kill them.

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Rubbish used to part of the rates, then council started changing and now your claiming to make it part of the rates. 😏 Talk about ripping people off. If composting at you still have to pay for that stupid little bin, for a service your not using how is that fair.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

Are they actually doing something. Promising promising deliveries zero. Turn up saying we moving Kumeu ☹️ ridiculous. Cause you can't put proper drainage through the town after overloading the system within filled housing.

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

We want better transport. We want a highway through Riverhead forestry not through locals farms. Kumeu is a farming community keep that way

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What's the point you don't listen anyway. Thousands of people didn't want you to destroy Western Springs Speedway that you destroyed it anyway. You don't listen you just do your own agenda.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

My understanding is that lots of people in short stay accommodation nowadays are emergency housing clients. This would mean that the money raised is being paid for from budgets used to house people and is not appropriate for funding luxuries like events. Other people in short stay are likely to be on holiday. They are already going to be spending on tourism, eating out, transport etc, more so than a local would. I don't think it's right for them to fund events that mostly benefit locals.

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Support

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None

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Because we need to invest now into council owned natural monopolies like water in order to ensure that we keep up with the huge increases in demand in the future. Aswell as this we need to replace ageing infrastructure so that we don't fall into a death spiral like the Wellington city council,

that needs constant fire fighting to keep their neglected water system in check and has accrued massive bill to foot in the future as a result.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### **Tell us why**

Think it is an interesting and thoughtful idea to take a small amount of money off people who don't stay long and as a result don't spend a lot or contribute to the overall economy of Auckland and are almost more of a burden on public services than what they are putting back in.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No thanks. Cheers. P.s keep up the good work guys!

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden

### 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

Local board is doing a solid job and keeping finances and management of local services in check.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Very important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Fairly important

**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.**

Very important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Very important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

As a young person, I think it is really important that we get some input on local issues because they effect us even though we can't vote yet, which is weird because a 16 year old can drive, work and pay taxes, but can't vote for local representatives. So it is crucial that we are informed and have a platform where we can voice our concerns too.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

No thanks

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Should funding for local communities not be a separate category from water and transport infrastructure?

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

A 3% increase for those visiting from outside Tamaki Makaurau or overseas would absolutely be fair. I would suggest a way to determine who should pay extra and implement this fairly; residents of Tamaki Makaurau should not have to shell out extra.

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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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I am all for streamlining waste management across Tamaki Makaurau, eg. getting rid of purchasing bin tags, not having to rent an Econowaste rubbish bin

## 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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Less important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

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Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Community safety is a major for me. I would encourage working with local/community patrol initiatives and increase more eyes out late at night.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

There's little to no recognition of the tough times Aucklanders and most Kiwis are going through due to the increasing cost of living. Sequential large rate increases at the same time as rising power, insurance, public transport, basic groceries increases will put a lot of people who are just

coping know in the red. The plan talks about future funds and investments but most Aucklanders need relief now. The plan looks like one of a country in economic boom.... we aren't.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### Tell us why

I think all accommodation providers including private air bnb style hosts should be on a level playing field. And in times of financial hardship, those who own these businesses should be willing to invest back in the city that is bringing them tourists in.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

### 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

### 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Econowastes wheelie bin and bag service is far, far, FAR more reliable than any Auckland Council service i've received. It's not broken, why fix it? The rate increases proposed and the targeted spending for them doesn't make sense for the financial situation most Aucklanders are in right now.

Aucklanders need relief not sequential large rate hikes to fund unknown future investments and large tourist events. We are not in an economic boom and our council should not be spending on things like we are

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays,Rodney

### **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**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

#### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Waitoki village needs a park/playground. It's a growing village with more families moving in. Walkway and proper parking next to the bus stop in Waitoki will help keep all the kids safe that walk to the bus too. People park diagonally opposite the gas station and DD's cafe and kids often end up walking on the road with their back to traffic to avoid walking in the steep bank. The 50kmh a limit on Waitoki Road into the village is also not being followed by most road users and the school bus picks up my kids from that area. Downer trucks slowing down but still going 60-70kmh is not acceptable when there is no walkway for pedestrians. Starting the 50kmh limit earlier and introducing a speed camera would keep people safe.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

How about a plan that represents the current needs of Auckland people..... Any relief at the supermarket, at the pump or on rates is needed and appreciated. Increasing rates and talking about all the events in the CBD, investment funds etc is not hitting the spot and brashes me off!

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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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?**

Rodney

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The budget for environmental services is far too low. For an area devastated by floods there are still clogged drains and no infrastructure in place to mitigate future events. For one of the worst hit areas in Auckland it is embarrassing how little has been done.

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**

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Less important

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Less important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Pest control is very important but I don't care about mowing reserves, plant more native flora and stop wasting money on lawncare. More work needs to be done in and around our waterways, embarrassingly low amount of cleanup and prevention from the 2023 flooding.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Like the direction. You need to fast track CCO reform and make the changes happen. There needs to be rationalisation of Local Boards and this is a priority this coming term to lessen the waste and duplication. Stop all expenditure on cycleways and public transport and free up traffic for cars. The things people want to use, I don't want to go on a bus so stop trying to make me.....

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Support

**Tell us why**

As long as the money is only used to improve the visitors experiences and to promote major events. It cannot be seen as a new tax to fund the wasteful expenditure on climate and cultural things this Council is addicted to. Stick to roads, rubbish and core business.

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Support

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Stop wasteful spending and passion projects of Councillors and Local Boards. Reduce costs through shared services and CCO reform.

## Question 4:

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Rodney

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Just focus on rubbish and roads and waste water. Plenty to do there team.....

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Seriously, these are the important things in your minds.....wow Council i smore broken than I thought.

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not agree with the rates increase to pay for ineffectiveness in governance. There must be improvements in road repair, including oversight over contracts, as jobs being done are faulty and often require another repair, whilst contractors are given the contract again. How much money is wasted in this?

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

It is only fair those who come to watch should have to pay for what they are watching, and the city that is supporting them.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Why should two places be required to pay for Auckland's rubbish? Shouldn't everyone pay for their own?

## Question 4:

## **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

No thank you, God bless and Jesus loves you!

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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 all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

I don't know

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Some aspects of the plan, such as pot-hole reduction targets, are distractions and reflect populist policies rather than serious regional/local issues - they demean the quality of the overall project. Some significant long term challenges, such as those related to the urgent need to replace income sources from lost petrol tax revenue, are silent, putting related large projects at ongoing risk. I

strongly support the fairer-funding programme and the work of our Rodney Local Board as outlined in their included strategic programme.

## **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**

In many respects I do not support this tax, but given Council's actions and determination to only support these critical matters financially with reluctance, then moving some burden to visitors will be a necessary alternative.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

The current system of purchasing rubbish bags works perfectly well and I can see no upside in changing these arrangements to involve bins that need to be transported to a road-end for

collection. Our streets will have to insist on trucks coming down our roads to collect, probably increasing costs as a consequence.

## **Question 4:**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

The RLB has put forward an excellent mix of priorities and given their increase in available funding this year there is much to commend their efforts. However, factions within the Board do present risk to the long term conduct and adherence to the plan and I would be concerned as to how readily such plan commitments could be upended.

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#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

##### **Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

##### **Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I support all these priorities unequivocally - and I note and endorse they don't include an unnecessary fixation on roading matters. With regards priority no.3 - volunteer inputs are huge here and need the overt and enduring support of the Board and Council to enable this mahi to continue. It is work done by volunteers that should generally be conducted by Council / contractors and thereby represents a major saving to ratepayers by having it supported (estimated 7:1 cost benefit / return on investment).

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I have grave concerns over the future of Auckland's development given the current political context, especially in the areas of water supply and public transport and knowing how profoundly these core requirements are fully impacted by the demands of very rapid and present climate change.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Action is required

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Support

**Tell us why**

We can't afford not too

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I disagree with a fortnightly collection, I pay for my rubbish bin yearly, and my rates are expensive enough,.

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#### Tell us why

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I don't know

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I don't know

### Tell us why

I don't use public transport

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Get the congestion sorted kumeu riverhead coatsvill

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Fairly important

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**Tell us here**

Get rid of those food scrap bins. What happened to choice we have compost bins, sink restore  
This is costing individual rate payers a fortune over \$350 pa Loads and loads of people don't use  
them, they blow over in the wind. This cost on ratepayers is just another way to clip the ticket ....  
Foods scraps massive fail

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I agree with the direction that Auckland Council aims to achieve with the 2025/2026 plan. However, I think that council need to focus on sustainable waste management practices, instead of the traditional dump and hope the rubbish doesn't cause too much of an issue for our future generations. Look overseas for better waste management solutions.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

I would rather the visitors attending these events be charged a bed night visitor levy than rate payers paying for them to enjoy these events.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I support the implementation of rubbish bin collections in the Rodney and Franklin areas.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey,Rodney,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?

**Support all****Tell us why**

I am pleased to see that Henderson Massey Local Board has received an increase of funds to support community programmes and initiatives, such as the Īnanga spawning project. It is also heartening to see that the local board supports connecting and engaging community with te ao Māori through te reo me ona tikanga Māori , as well as maintain important assets for community members to benefit and enjoy e.g. Westwave facilities.

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**

Very important

**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)**

Very important

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

**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**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

All of these initiatives need funding to maintain or develop momentum so that they thrive for everyone to benefit from. Catherine Square currently looks and feels awful, and it needs an upgrade. Being roadside, every person driving past it can see how deilapitated it has become.

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Please ensure that the smaller rural townships are given support. Residents in these areas depend on their local services and programmes because of the distance they live from city centres. The Greenway Plans look exciting but please don't neglect investing in Helensville walk ways too.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes

Very important

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##### Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction

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##### Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.

Very important

##### Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

Very important

##### Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Very important

##### Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I agree that all of the priorities are essential to invest in and continue their development to benefit the communities with Rodney's townships.

## 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 all

#### Tell us why

I agree with all of the proposed work plans for the Whau local board.

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**

Very important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Very important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Very important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Very important

**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**

Very important

**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**

Very important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

Very important

**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.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

The Whau local board area has grown in population substantially. With that said, investment into the development of infrastructure, services and community programmes needs to meet the needs of Whau's population. I agree that the priority areas will support the Whau communities to thrive and flourish.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Its needed

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Accommodation is already expensive

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I like bags as they are user pays

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Most proposals are needed however i would like to see horseriding access and paths given some consideration

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Im most interested in horseriding and community youth oprograms

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

### **Tell us here**

Horseriding trails and roadside paths are my biggest priorities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

If an event is for the benefit of locals then locals should contribute to the cost not out of town people. The event should be able to break even by a user pays option or locals who benefit should contribute. A levy on hotel nights is a blunt instrument in which many who have no stake in Auckland will be impacted

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Including rubbish in the rates cost disincentives rat payers from reducing waste.

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I believe decisions should be made as local as possible and the local representatives should be accountable. In Rodney sealing the unsealed roads is a priority and a long term plan should be in place to seal all existing roads within 10 years. As central Auckland council has been part of the problem they should contribute funds to ensure this can happen Life style properties get very little benefit from the rates they contribute as the roads are unsealed, public transport is not available, water and waste water services are not available and as they often live far from central Auckland they get no benefit from the events but contribute all the same

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

##### **Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

##### **Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

##### **Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

##### **Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

##### **Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

##### **Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney, Waiheke

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **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**

Less important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Fairly important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

Fairly important

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

Fairly important

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

Less important

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

Less important

**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Community Pool Development**

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

**Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?**

No

**Tell us why**

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Support most

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Don't hear from them.

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Less important

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Fairly important

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I just wish that names of organisations were also in English. Most of my age group do not know what you are talking about. I am 74.

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Less important

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Do not support

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*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Do not have enough rubbish for a weekly rubbish collection - prefer to pay as I go with bags

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Support most

### Tell us why

Funding is needed for the traffic congestion through Kumeu. Transport plans need to be fast tracked.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Major events help a city thrive.

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Support

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Nothing about Muriwai cafe. The council have closed the closed the council owned cafe as building not safe. No plan to replace. No public transport to and from the beach. Visiting the beautiful Muriwai nation park is an activity for those privileged enough to have a car.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Less important

##### Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

You are concentrating on wasting our money

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Another revenue gathering proposal

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I'm over paying for a food waste bin I never use Now I have a use your rubbish bin at more money I'm a pensioner and can't afford this I currently use 12 rubbish bags a year approx \$60 but have to use your stupid nines costing \$240 Another revenue gathering thing Idiots in charge

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Run by muppets Wayne walker and rest of the board members do nothing and take rate payers money Total muppets We had a meeting about the local flooding Wayne walker stood there and said didn't flood at my place ! Flooded from lack of maintenance of drains

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

##### **Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**

Less important

##### **Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

##### **Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

##### **Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

##### **Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

You need to sort the basics Drains transport etc before you do these other things

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Infuriates me how the council takes their pay and does nothing Fixing roads but not pot holes ,  
washing their hands of blocked drains Total muppets

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am worried about any money going to Auckland Transport. They seem incapable of doing their job, no-one appears to control them and waste a lot of ratepayer's money. The Council needs to go through expenses with a meat cleaver, eliminating all woke stuff, wastage and fraud. Remember you are using rate payers' money and you are accountable.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The Council needs to step out of this area and leave it to private enterprise. More wastage.

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We are quite happy in Rodney with private enterprise managing waste. We know that Council will mess this up and it will end up costing more.

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

We need footpaths and street lighting. Basic stuff. Sewerage obviously needs upgrading in Warkworth, see no need to tax Matakana for a service we do not receive.

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Stop wasting money across the board.

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Support all

### Tell us why

Should not sell Auckland Airport Shares

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Support

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

We need a high school

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Support most

### Tell us why

Clearly infrastructure maintenance, future planning and implementation is a key Council responsibility, to be funded. Many of the cultural based proposals are singularly narrow in focus and / or hold private economic interests. Leave ALL funding for such activities to those who wish to

run/provide - Council input solely safety advice, public services logistic support... for which the promoter pays - not rate payers

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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Do not support

### **Tell us why**

Marketing events in Auckland is the role of the private sector. If the commercial interests want higher turnover then they should band together and finance such events.. NOT the Council who should strictly provide community logic, safety and coordination role.

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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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Rates evaluation based upon CV is wrong and must stop. Council MUST look at its own spending ( bureaucracy) to find revised funding options

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Aotea/Great Barrier,Rodney

**Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades**

Fairly important

**Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply**

Less important

**Community marine education and marine biosecurity work**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)****Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

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Support most

### Tell us why

Transport should be number one

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Support

**Tell us why**

There are a lot of empty commercial places in the city. turn those into short term accomodation.

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Do not support

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we dont get any work done in our area. we don't have side walks or many parks but we pay for them and there has been no upkeep to the ones we have and the drains are always flooding and pot holes in all the roads. the power lines need to be redone.

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Support most

#### Tell us why

We need rail to be reinstalled the traffic is so bad every single day and you keep allowing more housing to come into our areas.

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They most priority is the high tariffic and rates we pay for lack of what we get

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I am concerned about the cost of administration of this tax

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Other

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Like we have an option. My understanding that this is a done deal

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Actually I find the information in the consultation wishy washy and so non specific as to be meaningless. I went to the supporting document and could not find the detail on what exactly the local board plans are for the year. I assume they must have some...

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Fairly important

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Less important

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Priority 7. I am a dog owner in the Rodney area. There are proposals afoot to further restrict dog access to areas that require predator protection. This would be fine if enforced. However when I am walking my dog at Snells beach (for example) there are always people who have their dogs off

lead in restricted areas of the beach. There is also poo just left by people who should know better. I feel that better protection of predator protect areas would be achieved if the council had enforcement people on the beach every day, because at the moment there is zero enforcement. No point in increasing restrictions if you are not enforcing the current ones...

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There needs to be discounts on rates depending on your circumstances and where you live, ie rural, minimal services, foot paths etc. compared to residential and city. also discounts if you have your own water, and waste water services.

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Support most

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

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**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

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**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

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**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)**

Walkways and grasslands/natural vegetation. Need more pedestrian friendly walkways and urgent weed control and maintenance as all of the planted vegetation throughout Riverhead being invaded by invasive weeds

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Need to spend ratepayers money on infrastructure as opposed to pc friendly events

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Support most

Tell us why

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Most properties around us pay for the green bin collection which works well. If we were to move to a targeted rate the council would need to provide bins for collection, too hard to manage rubbish with all the animals around.

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We need to engage youth actively in community hubs and programmes which will hopefully help reduce crime. Libraries and youth centres super important for kids and community to have safe spaces. Super important to get reserves and sports fields managed and maintained so access for all. We desperately need toilets at Green Rd Reserve.

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It is really important for the Silverdale pony Club now and going forward and rider community that the access is sorted so floats and utes can securely access back area. Also long term by supporting the move of pony club, arena and club rooms will free up front space for development of sports fields. I love the idea of green rd being having pony club out back, fabulous bridle trails accessible to all, football and sports fields out front and walking reserve. The community really needs this resource going forward.

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### Tell us why

It is a challenge to provide financial and forward planning for such a range of communities and their needs. You will never satisfy all 'parties' . As long as it is the councillors and not the staff making the decisions and that all aspects of increasing the rates are understood for all of the ratepayers because of the impact of cost of living increases have on the people of Auckland.

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Support

**Tell us why**

A small increase so that the overall cost of a night's stay in Auckland does not impact on the B&B businesses as they also have to make a living. If the subsidy is too high that will have a negative affect on the entertainment/hospitality businesses rather than gaining more funds for the 'event' sector.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I prefer the independent method of buying a bag and putting it out to be collected when I need to rather than paying for something that I do not use. (User pays!) I have smelt the small compost bins as I have walked streets in Auckland and to me it is just a fly, mouse, rat and smelly system that seems to be forced on to many ratepayers.

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**Tell us why**

It is wonderful to see the progress of the 'fixing up' of our poor roading system. However I feel that the quality control should be firmly in place as the job is completed and then three to six months later so that everyone is happy with the result and that it is sustainable. A group I belong to has booked Shoesmith Hall for the same time for many years. However there is no policy for them to be asked if they would like to continue with that time because of the mad rush on that 'all groups' have to apply for the year again in July. Although the person was only 10 minutes late from the opening time for bookings (too many people on the line) they missed out and now have to change their clubs use of the hall. After the loyalty shown to the Council I would have expected some consistency with long term renters.

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

all of auckland councils plans are dumb

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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reduce my rates losers

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Do not support any

#### Tell us why

ugh everything sucks

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just concentrate on not being so useless

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Cost of living too high but our family still remain constant. Where is the fairness?. Families are struggle both central and local govts are not doing anything to help us, so it is a no no from me

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Support

**Tell us why**

It must be done

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Support

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It should be the same across the board for all the rate payers

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Support all

#### **Tell us why**

It should be happening for our local community

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They are all important to us these priorities.

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Fees and rates must be carefully assess taking into consideration cost of living we are dealing with especially when increases to costs have been noted with constant and fixed income for most of families.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

There is a lot given to transport since last 10 years, hence the service is still not up to the mark... Also for community nothing is done for the Rural Area.... There is no proper community facilities for the region after Kumeū...

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Support

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#### Tell us why

Can't say much has never seen any progress..., this is always on paper and never been actioned... in last the reason will be there is no budget... if no budget then promises should be according to what they can deliver...

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Support

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Support most

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

More effort should be put towards recovering funds from waste fraud and abuse. Building more 'services', busy-work, and bureaucracy just raises cost of living for people doing it tough.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

more busy-work and overhead is unwanted. Will add costs and put off tourism/visitors.

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**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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We already pay for our rubbish pickup from waste management and this is fine as-is. I don't see doing change for change sake is warranted. Most change like this is a gloss over for added money-grab. I suggest privatizing rubbish pickup and encourage competition.

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The added focus on environmental efforts is misguided and over-kill. By example, they are asking people to self-fund regular septic inspections to protect waterways even for properties that are far from any. Look at cutting waste fraud and abuse and stop paying for large road crews to block traffic laying fancy cone arrangements for no apparent reason while spewing diesel fumes. The cost/waste of this stuff is laughable.

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Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

All are added cost and bureaucracy, this will not encourage improvements, just waste fraud and abuse. Look at privatizing and incentivizing improvements and reward good behavior/merit instead.

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Our feedback opportunity is a joke in itself. We will not expect anything to come of the effort.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support most

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

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Fairly important

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Significant costs land on ratepayers and grossly unfair

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**Tell us why**

Why would you want to visit anywhere if you had to pay this levy. Just another money grab

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Leave it alone just another way the council can rack up rates

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Do not support any

#### Tell us why

Useless group of individuals out of touch with people

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All of them

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How much did this plan cost No doubt consultants pulled it together as the council staff don't have the skills and they are just mirroring what council intends to do rather than genuine consultation.

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I believe that you have completely forgotten about the community in North West Auckland, namely around the Kumeu, Huapai to Waimauku region. This plan is developed by taking rates from all of Auckland and then spending huge majority of the funds in the central city, where most people never get to benefit. There is nothing of value mentioned in this annual plan for the Waimauku

community. There is already a major lack of sport, recreation, wellbeing, community support and any other facilities. In Waimauku we have public transport getting worse while all the funding goes to the CRL, we have no water and waste infrastructure and a huge need for indoor sports and aquatic facilities. The upgrades to SH16 through the area were an ideal opportunity to invest in active transport with a cycling and walking track added to the major roading project, but this wasn't delivered. If nothing else is done for the Waimauku community, please at least add a walking and cycling dedicated path to Huapai, so there is access for kids on bikes to get to sport, recreation and public transport facilities in Huapai as they (we hope!) develop over the coming years.

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Do not support

### **Tell us why**

This is extremely unfair to target all Auckland accommodation providers with an additional tax. Maybe those within close or walking distance of an event could partner with events if they benefit from additional bed nights, but it's not fair to target a broad rate across all accommodation to support events that they will probably never benefit from.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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We pay for all rubbish services via a wheelie bin hire and this works extremely well. Dont waste your time taking on a huge new service that already works effectively via existing private providers. If selling your rubbish bags isnt making enough to cover the costs, then either put up the price or stop the service. Dont tax everyone thats already gettign a better service and deal from the private provider.

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Do not support water increase as times are bad now, struggling now financially

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Is important to still promote activities in Auckland, bring community together

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Milldale council rates is the highest in north shore, we this economic downturn it does not make sense, especially for terrace houses which is suppose to be more affordable living vs a self contain house.

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I don't know

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I don't know

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Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Especially here in Milldale where the road are so narrow and people double park or illegally park. How come on very narrow road there are no yellow lines dots on the side road? People park on these very narrow road will make it impossible for fire engine and ambulance to go through

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Must not increase rates to 5.8%. First because salary increases don't reflect that. Secondly because inflation didn't take that turn. Thirdly because other ways of capturing that money must be studied, preferably by the increase of existing road tolls within Auckland.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

It's fair for visitors to contribute with that levy.

## 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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Not sure why the waste management proposal never happened in Rodney. This should standard for all Auckland suburbs.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Community Services are increasing considerably.

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**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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It was a terrible economic year. Please be realistic with rates increases, that must not pass inflation. The council should collect money via other ways, road tolls.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Transport

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Its expensive now for evreyone we dont need more codts

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

We have cheaper rubbish collection we pay for seperate from council - mow our berms is more important

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Always have supported our local members - who also support leaving speedway at western springs as stated by council we need more sports and promoters for North harbour stadium

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Very important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

You are getting rid of speedway for other sports why not put these other sports at north harbour stadium its already under utilised as you have said the last nite of speedway there was 30000

people more than a Blues fame at eden park - build a new stadium on the water front and get rid of Eden park

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Its already in place with planning etc - expand it to double the capacity its got land available

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not support an increase in rates when I am currently charged for wastewater and I have not wastewater leaving my property. I do not believe communities that are on septic and water tanks are being fairly treated and we are charged like all other communities that have no such mitigative systems.

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Support

Tell us why

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I currently only put out the waste we generate and this changes weekly. I do not want to be charged for what I do not put out and am happy with the current system which allows flexibility.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney, Waitematā

## 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?

Do not 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**

Very important

**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**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

### **Tell us why**

Support 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**

Very important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Less important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Fairly important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Less important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Very important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Fairly important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Fairly important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Support all

**Tell us why**

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Support most

### Tell us why

Stricter control needs to be taken on spending on un-necessary (fluffy) things and allocating money to local boards allow too many people to spend on there pet projects

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Support

**Tell us why**

however less money needs to be spent on events etc especially when the organizations use static's that support rather than actual stats of past e

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Support

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Can rates and fees etc ONLY be spent on CORE SERVICES please

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Cycling, horse riding and other such things are NOT CORE SERVICES. horse riding trails, cycle ways etc are a lot of money to indulge a small number of people. if you are going to spend rates on small groups who yell at you the loudest should the major of us rise up and vote in our own Trump like person

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**

Fairly important

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Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Too costly Outside of necessary council services

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Cultural festivals should be funded by the cultural groups themselves not by general rates

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Franklin, Hibiscus and Bays

## 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?

**Do not support most**

**Tell us why**

Some of the ideas for funding are outside or should be outside of council business

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**

Fairly important

**Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre**

Very important

**Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes**

Less important

**Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan**

Less important

**Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Re karaka sports park I was amazed last time I drive past that place that with all the housing that has occurred around Karaka lakes Karaka Harbourside n I now see a Karaka village on Linwood road , that the only playing fields or tennis courts etc is that old old facility that I recall being built last century in the early 1980's

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Youth networks n clubs n societies.... Yhats what parents are for most clubs etc fund themselves thru membership

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

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Hibiscus and Bays

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Very important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Yes

**Tell us why**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

### **Tell us why**

fair and sensible as commercial gain - sharing the privilege of accommodation location and cost burden of maintaining this in alignment with economic advantage. This comes back to support the growing city, and this cost would be easily assimilated by this sector

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey,Rodney,Upper Harbour

### **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.

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**Support most**

**Tell us why**

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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**

Fairly important

##### **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)**

Fairly important

##### **Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

Fairly important

##### **Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

I don't know

##### **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**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

It is simply the proposed peak hour traffic charge and public transport I wanted to comment on as well s rates overall

## **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**

1. Peak traffic tax for commuters including public transport options for Kumeu Huapai Waimauku Helensville and Kaukapakapa These areas are rapidly growing Sensible efficient (rapid and clean) public transport options are pivotal to ensure wider Auckland grows in a manageable way that encourages public transport and takes pressure off roads. Roads need to be clear for emergency vehicles and ( trades/freight etc where there are no other options) This will be more efficient and in the end cost saving It will allow the wider community to be connected and reduce the increasing burden of accidents injury and other road traffic cost burdens. Many people in North West Auckland have few public transport options and the train service does not run directly down the motorway with accessible car parking in the way it does for Southern Auckland and North Auckland Commuters is not direct. I would support any council target to improving infrastructure, would prefer to use public transport since driving is tedious and increasingly troubled by incidents and driver aggression. A road tax during peak hours simply puts pressure on people, with lower income families being hardest hit. This large group are already struggling to put food on the table and pay bills. Its unfair to lay this cost on them. Auckland CBD will lose more attraction as a financial and professional hub if the workers who keep it ticking over (cleaners retail restaurant hotel and public front people) cannot afford to get there. Electric train or buses heading regularly with priority access, straight down the north western network, with parking access at each stop (to match the major vehicle off/on ramps) (similar to Whangaparoa and Albany) would have to be the priority.

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

##### **Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

##### **Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

##### **Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

as above the same issues apply foot traffic horse riding is and community events are enormously important Community activities, encouraging physical fitness preserving horses as recreation and community wellbeing is hugely important Loss of this would be devastating to community activities and individual health and wellbeing. public reserve and open spaces is essential to human wellbeing So many studies support this Green belts and places for community to relax and revive is essential to a productive healthy thriving city It also provides other options for business, from horses to eating outlets cafes wineries Its important for central Auckland to have accessible resources as well as for local communities. These resources reduce friction and community violence Ensuring there are places for gatherings and outdoor activities including reserves walkways and horse access keeps eyes on the area and helps people socially and physically engage Dense inner city housing with few public recreation areas are strongly associated with lower health and wellbeing and rising criminal activity and family disharmony North West Auckland has potential to be a healthy rural and semi rural beach and (hopefully restored bush and green areas) community with a distinct kiwi character and healthy community to live in with connectedness and recreation options. Public transport options and reserves outdoor recreational options are critical to maintain this. It also makes Auckland are more attractive tourist destination opening more doors to business opportunity

**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**

Rates road user charges preserving reserves and public transport options are the key areas avoiding dense housing projects are a priority

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Very important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Fairly important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality improvement activities

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Yes

**Tell us why**

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Support most

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Less important

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Rubbish bags are good in rural and holiday areas as people don't need rubbish collection every week or for a month etc.

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**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

Events should not be subsidised by ratepayers whilst other organisations are making money out of them.

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Do not support

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Our bins in Snells Beach are not emptied by AC but by Northern Waste who provide an excellent service.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Too much emphasis on sport and leisure.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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**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)

No 7. Needs more emphasis and spending on compliance. For example dogs, camper vans.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Auckland transport needs to be taken back into council and the actual Auckland transport disestablished. The rowing system with an Auckland needs to be considered very carefully and having cycleways as simply expensive and not beneficial given the amount of use that a cycle way has versus the road.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I don't believe a council tax on hotel beds will have the desired effect and may in fact have the reverse where people think twice about staying at a hotel where they need to pay a council tax

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

No

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

**Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

My personal view is that local boards need to be disestablished, and I find that board members, such as Gary Brown, actually distract from what the board is meant to be doing and my view is that it is better to have them disestablished

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Less important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

They are more important aspects that council needs to deal with, such as a proper public transport system, rather than the system that we have which is very ad hoc

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I see too much money wasted. When \$ Millions spent on cycle ways I have to put up with a gravel road, which had a targeted rates for sealing 20 years ago. Councilors should treat as if it's their money.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Rates are for running the city, parks, swimming pools, all the things that benefits Auckland.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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

Get sealing the roads, If you want our rates do something for it.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Parks and recreation is very important along with beaches. I can't go for a walk or. Cycle as the roads are too dangerous and dusty

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### **Tell us here**

Make the people who spend the money more accountable. Let's get value for what is spent. And it will always be AUCKLAND

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

AC has completely failed us ratepayers by wasteful spending of camel humps, cycleways, changing and then having to change again road speed signs, making us conservative water users to pay for new builds and wasters. the wastewater and sewerage infrastructure should have be started 30 years back at least. Why are we paying for future users why we will be dead? New

builds should pay FULL costs for ALL infrastructure requirements. Too bad, The profits that developers make is more than enough to offset the costs. Why are we paying for the profit? This is not a communist country. If they cannot afford to build, then let someone else who can, do it. Absolutely PATHETIC!

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

### **Tell us why**

This will only stop visitors from coming to NZ and Auckland. Other countries are encouraging visitors by not charging for visas even.

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Support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Firstly, why are we paying for the small rubbish food waste bins when we DON'T even use it. Whoever thought of this should be the one paying and then SACKED. STOP using us as a

bottomless pit of gold. If I could, I would organise a complete boycott of any rise in rates because the AC is non-performing and the Councillors are there only to fill their pockets with freebies and extras. What would they be doing if they were not Councillors? Absolutely NOTHING - JOBLESS. That is a fact. Minister of Auckland should appoint an Administrator to run the Council. We would be saving Millions.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden, Aotea/Great Barrier, Devonport-Takapuna, Franklin, Henderson-Massey, Hibiscus and Bays, Howick, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura, Puketāpapa, Rodney, Upper Harbour, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges, Waitemātā, Whau

### **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

#### **Tell us why**

Get rid of ALL Boards.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Less important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Less important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Less important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Less important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Less important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Less important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Waste of money

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

**All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades**

Less important

**Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply**

Less important

**Community marine education and marine biosecurity work**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any  
**Tell us why**Waste of moneyOur priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.**How important are these priorities to you?**Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Less important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Less important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

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?

**Do not support any**

**Tell us why**

Waste of money

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Delivery of Auckland Council Community Hub Services (library, arts, and customer services) in Beachlands and Clevedon**

Less important

**Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay**

Less important

**Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre**

Less important

**Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes**

Less important

**Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan**

Less important

**Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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?

**Do not support any**

**Tell us why**

Waste of money

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**

Less important

**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)**

Less important

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

Less important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Less important

**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**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Less important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Less important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Less important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Work with the Youth Council, Business East Tāmaki, business and tourism sector, and others, on youth upskilling, including increasing funding for the Young Enterprise Scheme**

Less important

**Review and refresh the Howick Local Board Heritage Plan and Tourism Plan**

Less important

**Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay**

Less important

**Trial a surveillance programme to help curb illegal dumping in Flat Bush**

Less important

**Develop initiatives for live monitoring, capturing and documenting the levels of poison/toxicity in our local waterways to increase awareness and enable enforcement**

Less important

**Investigate options on introducing a targeted rate to help fund the delivery of the Flat Bush Library, Community Centre, and Pool and Leisure Centre.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

## **Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities**

Less important

**Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.**

Less important

**Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them**

Less important

**Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities**

Less important

**Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact**

Less important

**Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees**

Less important

**Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves**

Less important

**Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability**

Less important

**Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment**

Less important

**Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge**

Less important

**Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

Less important

**More support to volunteer networks**

Less important

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

### **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**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Improving sports fields including maintenance, sand-carpeting and lighting**

Less important

**Identifying ways to support the council's response to roaming dogs**

Less important

**Boosting the amount of funding available for community grants so more projects and initiatives can be delivered by community, arts and sports groups**

Less important

**Expanding the number of funded initiatives that respond to the needs and aspirations of children and young people**

Less 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**

Less important

**Providing the Pacific community with capacity support, and a grant to undertake feasibility and concept plans to deliver the Pacific hub on Clendon Reserve**

Less important

**Scaling up the work being delivered to achieve environmental outcomes**

Less important

**Investigating the need to extend the opening hours in our community facilities such as the two libraries, the pool and leisure centre and Nathan Homestead**

Less important

**Funding initiatives that stimulate economic growth and generate prosperity in Manurewa.**

**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**

Go build your own fence if you want to take your dog for a walk

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants**

Less important

**Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme**

Less important

**Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets**

Less important

**Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models**

Less important

**Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives**

Less important

**Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)**

Less important

**Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour**

Less important

**Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

**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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support**

Less 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**

Less important

**Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways**

Less important

**Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing**

Less 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**

Less important

**Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre**

Less important

**Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell**

Less important

**Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

**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?**

No

**Tell us why**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Addressing safety concerns in neighbourhoods, common areas and town centres**

Less important

**Delivering on increased local economic outcomes**

Less important

**Supporting small businesses to act on environmental sustainability**

Less important

**Progressing the planning for options to address community service needs in Old Papatoetoe**

Less important

**Supporting local environment groups to work collaboratively with community volunteers in efforts to clean, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces**

Less important

**Planning for the delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

### **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)

No

**Tell us why**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

### **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?**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

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)**

Local events,Grants,Local water quality activities

## **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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less 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

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

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?**

No

**Tell us why**

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### **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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**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**

Less important

**Supporting community groups that lease council space, so they can find ways to share their spaces and continue to provide great community activities**

Less important

**Implementing recommendations from the Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan so that the recreational needs of our growing communities are met**

Less important

**Planning for the development of Monte Cecilia Park so that this becomes a destination park and an icon for Puketāpapa**

Less important

**Investigating projects from the Wairaki Awa Catchment Plan that can be implemented, such as naturalising the awa at Lynfield Cove**

Less important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events, arts and activations, especially in local parks**

Less important

**Supporting arts and events by working with existing community groups to help coordinate their work and make the most of opportunities**

Less important

**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.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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## **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Less important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Less important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Less important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

Less important

**Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall**

Less important

**Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate**

Less important

**Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres**

Less important

**Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

**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?**

No

**Tell us why**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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?**

Do not support any

**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**

Less important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Less important

**Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)**

Less important

**Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson**

Less important

**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**

Less important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Less important

**Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks**

Less important

**Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

Less important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Less important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Less important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Less important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Less important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Less important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Less important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)****Whau Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

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**

Less important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Less important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Less important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Less important

**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**

Less important

**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**

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Less important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

Less important

**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.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

## **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**

Drop It

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Don't agree in investing in local boards - who are generally unqualified, and self-interested with their own political agendas - there needs to be a apolitical approach to community assets and dealing with the people

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Rate payers should not be generally supporting specific major activities in a general sense

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

the current arrangement s are working well and in Rodney bins can be a pain in th eproverbial but so can bags Northland waste do a good job

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

i do not trust the LB to get it right they as noted above political have their own agendas and do not serve the general population in the best interest t of all - no confidence

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Sea walls , groynes and other coastal assets are a priority and need to be permitted with less rigorous examination Repair of roads is a disaster e.g. Omaha flats road cf Leigh Matakana rd near the Matakana hill We dont need to be regulated in all aspects of our lives Ollow us to kill cats who kill birds

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Auckland City Council needs to concentrate on its core business. Roads, Rubbish and pipes. Stop talking about closing AT and AtEED and similar Council business get on and do it. People don't have any money to continue the vanity projects of AT and other council businesses

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Absolutely not - This is a secret cover up for an additional bureaucratic Tax. We can not afford the costs as it is. It hard to consider Auckland an international city now – why put more people off by driving costs up further.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

There should be no more rates, fees or charge increases. Why does council not do what everyone has to does in tough times. Cut your cloth, stop the spending. Live within your budget. The rate payers should not have to keep paying and paying

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Apart from the roading and infrastructure upgrades the vanity projects should be scrapped.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

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Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Are any of these proposals priorities in the current times. Cut the cloth and stop spending.

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It seems to me on reading it, we have completely the wrong focus. The rate payers are struggling to pay there bills. The council is trying to increase and expenditure in arguably the toughest economic conditions since 1980. The focus should be a reduction in expenditure not an increase. Yes services will need to be cut back and that is they way that every household has to manage there budget. There seems to be one line of thinking for money expenditure in a household and one when spending public money. Finally – IT IS VERY EASAY TO SPEND OTHER PEOPLES MONEY

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

It is really important to keep rates increases as low a possible. Wages have not been increasing and people can't afford rates increases.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

People will not want to pay. Better to reduce the costs of hosting major events, which I don't think are commercially viable. People should pay more to attend those events, and if not enough people subscribe then don't hold the events

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I support rubbish collection in Rodney so long as the council will collect the bin from outside the property (like Econowaste do) rather than make us bring the two bins down to the main road. It is too hard to do it with both rubbish and recycling bins

## 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?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

The consultation document is too big so I haven't read it

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Need to concentrate on necessities, not nice-to-haves

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Rodney rate payer are not represented at all and get nothing from your annual plan. get rid of Tataki Auckland unlimited and its corrupt untransparent way of doing things and concentrate on councils core roles Leave western springs stadium as it is and consider the proposal for it to

remain as a speedway track. Stop pushing Mayor browns private agenda and take note there will be a big change in council at the election listen to the rate payers of Auckland super city

## **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?**

Other

### **Tell us why**

Let Western springs stadium stay as a speedway track with an honest promotions team and you will attract many overseas visitors and competitors over the summer racing season along with there families crew and sponsors this is an internationally recognized speedway stadium famous all over the world

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Proposal 3A Refuse targeted Rate to rural properties in rodney we have looked after our own rubbish collection for years and I am quite happy with the service I pay for

## Question 4:

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### Rodney Local Board Priorities

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Very important

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Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

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Fairly important

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The entire proposal has been composed in such a clumsy way that I am not surprised that people can't be bothered to scroll from one page to another and then hop from one link to another.... The other MAJOR is congestion charges being considered for Aucklanders.....how this could even be considered, given that there is almost no easy way to get into the city from the North Shore, but by bus, is beyond me. Not one of the Park and Rides have enough parking spaces to enable us to use the bus, so where should we park? How should we get into the City? if we have to pay for street parking, which is mostly NOT available anyway, add to it travel time by taking one or more buses plus walking time, it makes NO sense to use a bus...build multistorey car parks and we will use the bus.

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Support most

### Tell us why

In general the proposed actions appear to be good responses to actual needs.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

I have no feel for the relative pros vs cons of this measure.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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For landfill destined rubbish collection in Rodney the bags are not a good representation of User Pays, in that they don't offer a significant incentive to reduce rubbish volume. In many cases, I have to admit that a more direct user pays process, is not likely to reduce waste generation for people who can easily afford it and don't care. Ongoing education on environmental stewardship is important.

## **Question 4:**

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**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Proposals in general seem to accurately reflect need. Not sure that easing traffic congestion in the Riverhead/Kumeu/Huapai region is being treated with the urgency it deserves?

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

With reference to item 6, addressing traffic congestion is something that should now be being reviewed retrospectively, not being planned for some time in the future. It's a disaster.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

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Too much has been spent on consultations for projects that aren't being completed.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The cost of implimenting and the rate payers don't select which major events are funded.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Will our rates be reduced by the levy that was applied for the food scraps collection scheme now its been abandoned.

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Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

The needs of residents have been dismissed for example, SH16 bypass, clearing of waterways to reduce flooding. Rezoning for commercial premises.

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#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

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Fairly important

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Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Proposed Bus Depot is being pushed ahead despite the bus service not being patronised. And ignoring the increase in housing resulting in more cars on the road. Tradies and shift workers can't use public transport.

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Please listen to those who have experience and knowledge rather than young graduates who don't own property and havd their head in the clouds. Families iin Kumeu need cars to transport tools, goods, children and groceries.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Below is a rewritten version of your initial opinion, adjusted to reflect your acceptance of the council-provided bin for rural waste management, while retaining your other concerns in a formal, Elon Musk-inspired style. Following that, I've included a comment for the question Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals? from the feedback form (page

37 of the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026 Consultation Document). Rewritten Opinion As a rural property owner managing my own wastewater and rubbish, I can accept the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026 providing a bin for refuse collection through the rates. It's a practical move for those who need it, and I can work with it, even if I've been self-sufficient. However, the plan still misses the mark on efficiency and focus. The \$16 million allocated for Māori-specific initiatives raises questions of fairness—resources should be distributed based on merit, not identity. The City Rail Link is a colossal waste of billions. Autonomous vehicles, like Tesla's robotaxis, will render it obsolete within years, and we're squandering funds on yesterday's tech. Decarbonization efforts are equally misguided. Carbon dioxide fuels plant growth, a natural cycle we shouldn't fight. Sea-level rise fears? Avoid coastal properties—problem solved. Most of the world sees through this climate hype, yet we're risking our economy on it. Gendered programs in Whau are a distraction; infrastructure, not social targeting, deserves priority. And all non-economic spending—parks, libraries, governance overhead—should be slashed. Every dollar must drive growth, not sustain bureaucracy. This plan overtaxes rural residents like me for urban-centric projects and questionable priorities. Auckland Council needs to pivot to a lean, future-oriented strategy that respects self-reliance and economic reality.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

people that do not come for these events will have to pay for the few that go to these events. also it makes Auckland tourism less attractive something that we can not use at the moment. let the people that go to the events pay for it.

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I strongly oppose the broader rates structure. The 5.8% residential increase and 6.8% business hike are excessive, especially for rural properties off the water grid, funding urban water and transport I don't use. The Water Quality Targeted Rate and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate are unjustified—water's my responsibility, and climate panic is overblown. Fees like dog adoption and cemetery charges going up just pile on costs without value. Cut the fat, focus on growth, and stop charging me for services I don't need.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

he Rodney Local Board's 2025/2026 plan mostly flops. Libraries, arts, youth services? That's millions down the drain on urban toys—scrap it. Playgrounds and greenways? Rural folks don't need council jungle gyms or bike paths—pure waste. Environmental support? If it's decarbonization, it's delusional—CO2's plant fuel, not a crisis. Safety via education and compliance? I'm no kid—stay out of my business. Roothing advocacy? Talk's cheap; pave my unsealed roads or bust. Only Maintenance and Upkeep gets a nod—keeping town centres and spaces functional is smart, no-frills value. The bin's still solid too. But the rest? Bloated, misaimed, and stuck in council quicksand. Rodney deserves lean, rural wins, not this scattershot mess.

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**Tell us here**

Comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026 This plan's a bloated beast—\$35 million extra for local boards (page 5) sounds nice, but it's padding inefficiency. The fairer funding model (80% population, 15% deprivation, 5% land area) still shafts rural ratepayers like me—my land's big, not my wallet, yet I'm funding urban toys like the City Rail Link (page 10 of the Consultation Document). Billions for a train Tesla's robotaxis will outrun by 2030? Madness. Rates jumping 5.8% (page 30 of the Consultation Document) plus targeted hits like the Refuse Rate (page 32) sting harder when half the cash—\$19.6 million operating for Franklin (page 22), say—goes to libraries, parks, and community hubs I don't touch. Economic growth, not social experiments, should rule. Decarbonization's the real kicker—Urban Ngahere (page 29) and climate fluff waste millions. CO2's plant food; nature's fine—move inland if seas rise. Why tank our economy when most of the

world shrugs? And \$16 million for Māori outcomes (page 11)? Merit, not identity, should divvy up funds—otherwise, it's just politics. Gendered hints (e.g., Whau's vibe, page 29 of the Consultation Document) are more noise—fix roads, not feelings. The bin's the only win—practical, optional. Rest of this plan's a tax grab for urbanites and green dogma. Slash it, focus on rural basics, and bet on tech, not trains. Feedback on the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/26 (Pages 182-189) The Tūpuna Maunga Authority's 2025/26 plan (pages 182-189) is a cultural cash pit—\$13.9 million total (page 189), with \$4.2 million operating and \$9.7 million capital. Co-governance with six Māori reps (page 185) screams bias—why do 13 iwi get special say over mountains I'm taxed to maintain? Values like Wairuatanga and Mana Aotūroa (page 186) push spiritual and Māori heritage angles—fine for them, but I'm not here for tikanga lessons. Funding cultural infrastructure and kaitiaki opportunities (page 188) smells like the \$16 million Māori carve-out (page 11)—identity over utility again. Biodiversity goals (page 188) lean green—native plants and pest control I'd back if it's practical, but phased reduction of herbicides reeks of eco-zealotry. Commercial plans (page 188) could offset costs, but if it's just tourist traps, it's urban, not rural, gain. UNESCO World Heritage bids (page 188)? Vanity project—my rates shouldn't chase global pats on the back. \$94.4 million capital over 10 years (page 189) for 14 hills is insane—sell some, fund roads. This isn't for all Aucklanders—it's a Māori-centric, green-tinged boondoggle. Cut the fluff, make it lean, or ditch it.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Because Auckland Council is spending ratepayer's contributions wastefully and should look internally to cut costs rather than constantly asking ratepayers to pay more. There are too many costly & needless projects. I resent Auckland Council paying the living wage as a minimum to all staff which is significantly higher than the government mandated minimum wage

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Rates and ever-increasing fixed costs are hitting accommodation providers hard. It is becoming increasingly difficult for them to make any profit at all. They do not need another cost levied on them. Stop it!

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Do not support

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How many targeted rates can the council dream up. As above, look internally to make cost savings. I am sure there is so much wastage that it won't be difficult to identify areas which can be improved.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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Less important

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**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

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Less important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

All of the priority points above are pointless. Our plentiful Parks in Rodney are currently well maintained. Council rules around wastewater & wetlands are already ridiculously stringent and do not require further rules, rather they should be more relaxed to allow for greater subdivision of rural land in Rodney which will have little or no impact to the environment. 40 acre properties should be able to be subdivided into 5,000sqm or 10,000sqm lots. This will provide more housing in the area and lead to greater affordability. Council cannot afford to build more cycleways so don't do it! Why should ratepayers foot the bill for people to ride their horses? We have enough libraries thank you. Once again. Stop wasting money the council does not have (unless they continue to hike rates),

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

It's a complex document and hard to get my head around it...some issues I'm clear on, others I had no idea about...

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

It's not ACs job to generate events....it's the job of the private sector, who are after all the prime recipients of any revenue! Rates should not be used...You're just privatizing public money. AC needs to promote an environment which allows events to occur without undue red tape and impact on locals....why is it your job to invest so hotels and others can make profit? If the want to attract people let them get on with it and make it easy for them to get approval...but while we have homeless people it makes no sense to use rates to attract visitors...let's get our priorities right please

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We already pay high rates for rural living on lifestyle blocks that are non productive...we have a dirt road, \*\*\*\*\* storm water systems. No transport system, no maintenance....yet we pay a

fortune...as much as others in the city where amenities are so much better...and I get the density argument, but why do you charge us for stuff you don't deliver? It's wrong....

## **Question 4:**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

There are structural planning and performance issues that no amount of attention or cash from the LB will solve....kumeu huapai is a planning and structural mess...you need to think again just what you're doing and do much better in greenfield developments

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Less important

##### **Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

It's just common sense to spend for the basic stuff...we don't need vanity projects

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It's sad to see the wastage of rates on projects that really don't contribute...

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Support most

### Tell us why

Totally agree with building the physical resilience of Auckland, unfortunately this not being done. Property owners in Kumeu have just being abandoned with no fix coming. The solution proposed of moving the town centre implies that all existing properties will be picked up or replaced on higher ground. This is not the case all that's happening is the re zoning of land in a different location and

allowing developers to come in and develop, Which is no different to Westgate 5 km down the Road. How does this help the existing community where life savings have been invested. I really don't understand why money was wasted on various flood options if they weren't prepared to put a 100-150 million into a fix. Did they really think you would get much for under that when you look at what everything costs these days.

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Other

**Tell us why**

Only for overseas visitors

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Priorities should be on core services and Akld Council should be determining how to pull back on the unjustifiable increases that are currently in play. Ratepayers deserve rates reductions because of poor outcomes/value for the majority (who fund all the bad decisions)

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

This will deter some tourists as it just isn't a good look (makes NZ look pretty tacky)

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Support

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We are supposed to be on city and Rodney pays disproportionately high rates for services received

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

See my previous responses

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Less important

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Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

A lot of these considerations aren't really core/critical services and have been hijacked by special interest groups/councillors in any case and deliver minimal day to day value for a normal rate payer

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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REDUCE RATES NOT INCREASE THEM - CUT OUT THE WHITE NOISE AND LISTEN TO RATEPAYER CONCERNS

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Other

#### **Tell us why**

I'd prefer that these events not be funded and money spent instead on keeping the downtown car park or a similar central facility that is equal or cheaper and enlarged. The city center would be in much better shape if the further flung population didn't ACTIVELY avoid it due to how painful it is to reach, navigate the constant roadworks and park.

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Do not support

#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Currently we have bins from Waste Management and a service that seems to be superior to what was delivered by the council when we moved from the North Shore, at a more reasonable cost. How about you instead stop forcing us to pay for the organic waste collection bins no one uses.

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

We are in an area (milldale/Wainui) that is subject to additional infrastructure rates. Over the period that we have been living here areas that are allegedly turned over to council are not maintained properly, the parks that were supposed to be delivered have been handed over by the developer but left empty, paths have not been concreted, and in general we aren't happy with how the area is being serviced by council given that we are paying MORE than average. There is now finally some improvements being made but this is much later than promised. Something else that should be addressed is the lack of Public bins. I know there has been an initiative to remove these, but the result is that now public spaces are overflowing with random bits of rubbish and bags of dog \*\*\*\*\*. Again, get rid of these retarded organic scrap bins, and allocate the funding to bins in parks and public spaces.

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Very important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Bring back public waste bins. Every single reserve and park in our area is drowning in bits of rubbish and bags of dog \*\*\*\*\*.

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**Tell us why**

Ask the business operators who will charge this levy, what they think

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Support

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They appear to be about the same cost as was the bags, this makes it more tidy, that broken bags

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**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

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**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)

Safety in our community is extremely important

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As stated earlier, would like to see a summary of Auckland City plan, and same for Rodney, as we are Rodney residents

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Are you trying to Turn Auckland into a desert town, with no one coming to visit! It's bad enough that you are taking parking away, now you want to charge visitors to stay! I would have thought that the money people would spend in the area would help keep people's jobs and bring investment to the area.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Waste Management - You fail to take into account that not everybody lives in their property 12mths of the year. A lot of retirees are away 6months of the year or have a bach that is used over the summer. A levied fee is inappropriate to your one size fits all approach. It's called RATES GOUGING!!!! As a lifestyle property owner, I don't use rubbish bins I put my rubbish in with my waste at our office premises which I pay for!! I also burn my own rubbish when allowed and recycle at our business premise. Why should I pay twice! With 2 single elderly parents you are making it impossible for the elderly people to live on their superannuation with all the rates rises and charges. It's disgusting. These people have very little rubbish compared to a family. You should have the option for waste based on the number of persons residing on the property before levying a rate charge. People should be able to choose whether the council or other private

contractors can be used for rubbish collection. You are justifying your rate increase in ways that people can't challenge but I am willing to along with 1000,s of others.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays,Rodney

### **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

More wasted money on paper pushers and nothing to show! Not one tangible sustainable thing is advocated here! Why do youth need a voice on the council ! Most of them don't want to work you and you want them have a voice on the council!!! Advertising activities in parks is not a reason to raise rates, most people walk around with a phone glued to their face - it's very easy to post one notice on Facebook to millions to follow!! Try Canva AI - one person could do the job for the whole country! And why should I have to pay for a business association twice!!! All they do is have an excuse for a long lunch and justify it as networking!!! If you can't make your business successful today with the use of modern technology, you should quit while you are ahead! Covid showed just how badly NZ businesses are run!

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

#### **Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Less important

#### **Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

#### **Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Less important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The biggest area of rates levied and one of the least returns on investment for the residents. When are you going to start upgrading the roads, (width, sealing) accesses - to justify the amount of traffic it carries. The lack of services to get around Rodney. Improve the community safety with monitoring and education and compliance?? Is this more policing staff at the front line?? I suspect not! Or is it just billboards randomly placed around!! Most of what you write is waffle and committing to nothing.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Less important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

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**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

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**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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I don't think you say anything at all, it's just waffle to create confusion, no actual commitment to anything much tangible and I thoroughly object to \$16 million being spent as per your Well Managed Local Government • Invest \$16 million into Māori outcomes including the ongoing Marae Infrastructure Programme, and grants to improve the capacity of mana whenua and mataawaka to engage in Auckland Council decision-making processes.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Public transport is unavailable where I live, so spending rates on this area is not going to help me or my neighbours

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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**

Accommodation in NZ is very expensive, I think local or NZ residents should not have to pay bed tax. Keep it for overseas visitors as there money is generally worth more than our NZ Dollars

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I pay for a bin already, I hope the rates charge is not going to be more than what I pay now

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

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Less important

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Increased education on the environment. Renew the old idea of advertising and educating about not throwing rubbish out car windows and leaving rubbish at beaches and parks

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Make simple modifications to the Hill Street intersection to make it safe and improve car flow

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Rates are already to high.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Tax payers already pay enough.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Does this include a bin? Is the price in line with econowaste bin collections?

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

N/a

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I think it is very important for tamariki to have ample public spaces to exercise and have fun. Improve local courts, offer free or low cost public spaces in Rodney such as leisure centres and basketball courts when rangatahi need it the most such as Helensville/Kaukapapa. Keep these children thriving not entertaining themselves in anti-social ways.

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Budget better, don't keep making hardeorking families who are barely scraping by pay for the councils poor budgeting choices.

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Support most

### Tell us why

A rates increase at this time of economic downturn will put far too much pressure on home owners.

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Support

**Tell us why**

This is effectively 'user pays' which is far better than expecting the ratepayers to carry an even greater financial burden for activities that most have no interest in.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Many properties in this area are not occupied full time, so owners would be paying for a bin service they are not using.

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Although I was born in NZ, I don't read Maori so much of the Council information makes no sense to me.

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Support

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Do not support

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

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Very important

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Fairly important

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**Tell us why**

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I think parking for park and ride/ferries is inadequate.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

#### **Tell us why**

It's logical, the council needs a sustainable income stream for promotions. It does require careful accounting and Resistencia. Also ensuring there is not creep like say NYC with what feels like 6 taxes per night.

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Do not support

#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I'm in Milldale and very comfortable with three current refuse service. I'm not at all comfortable with fortnightly refuse collection and would prefer to remain private refuse with options and council recycling/compost.

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

Before it's unrecoverable something needs doing,. It's an expensive eyesore now.

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Do not support

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Support

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Rodney

## **Rodney 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?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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I wanted to email to express concerns why Warkworth does not have a leisure centre here? A facility which the rest of Auckland does. Warkworth is surrounded by beaches and water and our children need a pool with swimming lessons especially to help teach them in water safety. I believe we were never considered as Northern Arena a private and very expensive swim school had said they were coming here. That in itself isn't good enough. And now they aren't coming so there is no pool here at all planned for our children. A leisure centre also isn't just for the pool aspect and would be a great addition to our community which services so many surrounding communities in our area. Please can you provide me some more information on why we don't have one and can you please put this forward for our community as a priority as this is very much needed as you know there is huge expansion here and much more planned.

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### Tell us why

You're not listening to the rate payers of the area you are affecting. Your corrupt ways must stop now!

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

Leave the speedway at Western Springs Stadium.

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**

Very important

**Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme**

Very important

**Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets**

Very important

**Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models**

Very important

**Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives**

Very important

**Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)**

Less important

**Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour**

Less important

**Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney, Upper Harbour

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**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**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support Auckland Council retaining ownership of the Wasp Hangar and redeveloping it into a multipurpose indoor sports and recreational facility. This aligns with the 2018-2021 Hobsonville Work Programme and would provide much-needed indoor recreational spaces for our community.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai**

Very important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Less important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Very important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Very important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we 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)**

Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services ,Local parks strategy and planning,Sports and park activation activities

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Yes

**Tell us why**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

the amount of money collected from properties owners starts to be too much. There are other ways to support plans (based on public and private partnerships).

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I can understand the intention to try to put short-term accommodations in the radar and potentially use them to fund initiatives but the percentage asked is too high for a city like Auckland. Plus major events should not be funded by property taxes at all !! In particular those with a clear aim to promote social inclusion and avoid separate ethnic celebration (Lantern Festival, Diwali, Pasifika).

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Support most

**Tell us why**

the viability issue has not been taken into enough consideration (yet).

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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**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Bike tracks for kids, shaded play areas for kids,

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

Too hard to digest

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

The rates are too high in milldale considering you don't collect rubbish

## **Question 4:**

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#### Tell us why

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Very important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Get rid of all the stupid roundabouts in milldale they are a hazard to emergency vehicles. Put in give way signs . There needs to children's playground like paraeta

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Remove milldale roundabout



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Support most

### Tell us why

Fund public transport. Ideally it should be free and run as a service and not for profit.

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**Tell us why**

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None

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Make it worse to be a landlord. Make public transport reliable.

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Tell us why

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Support

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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**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)**

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Support most

### Tell us why

With the current financial climate I think the focus should be purely on essential services that benefit the majority of users rather than feel good fluffies that primarily benefit a small minority. Basic services such as safe well maintained roading, water and sewage should be prioritized.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I support it if it is across the board ie covering all accommodation providers. This system already operates in many countries. Only applying it to commercial accommodation ie hotels, motels, disadvantages those businesses, and many are already struggling to stay afloat.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

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## Question 4:

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## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Would like to see the focus being on the basics, fixing roading, sewage and water issues.

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**

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Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**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)**

point 5: focus should be on making our existing roads safer and fit for purpose, Rodney is a large rural area and people rely on cars to get anywhere. Safe and well constructed and maintain roads should be the priority.

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do not support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not 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**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Less important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Need to something has all you need to be a good stadium

#### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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Support most

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**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

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Very important

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**Tell us here**

Funding to improve aspects of Milldale. Development particularly roading and reserves. More green space with trees and designated no parking on at least one side of all roads given recent issue with narrow streets and emergency vehicle access. Remodel roundabouts as these are large and cause many issues.

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Very important

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Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

We need to mirror other successful global cities. Paying a surcharge for accommodation is not uncommon. We need to be more commercially viable, tax payers need the provision of basic services not fund events

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I live rurally , pay targeted rates for almost zero services. We pay a lot per annum to hire a rubbish bin, there is enough fat from what you take from us to provide this service. Bags don't work

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

funding model finally addresses Council's funding inequity across Auckland. For the Rodney Local board this means approximately 8 million additional opex funding per year. As far as council facilities go, the Dairy Flat subdivision which includes Coatesville, Dairy Flat and Milldale is hard done by compared to other areas of Rodney. Having more OPEX to spend locally is a win

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

**Tell us here**

Great work to date. Sort AT out please out of control . Cone Gate !

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

An increase in spending is a terrible idea, we need austerity, you can't just keep raising the rates tax on homeowners to fund this irresponsible spending. Essentials only.

## 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**

Offloading cost burden is a great idea. However I do not support spending 27m on attracting events to Auckland. It should be user pays.

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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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Essentials services are great, but this should not require an increase in rates, it should come from spending cuts

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Again, rates increases are disgusting. We should be cutting back to essential upgrades and maintenance. Let's get all these roads tarsealed for instance.

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Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

These initiatives are idiotic. What about upgrade road surfaces to tarseal to meet first world standards?

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**Tell us here**

This plan is a disgrace, irresponsible spending and tax hikes to fund it. Spending other people's money is easy right. I want a full transparent audit of Auckland council spending, all of these programs sound like siphoning off of my hard earned dollars. How about you drop the rates and don't spend any of it?

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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This is the sort of decision being made that cost ratepayers more money. I already have a private waste removal company and do not want to use a council one. The council do not need to make this compulsory, The council system will be uncompetitive and cost ratepayers more. Just like the food scrap bins. Solving a problem that does not exist and increasing costs for ratepayers.

## **Question 4:**

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None

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**Tell us here**

Stop spending money on things which are not related to core services. This will give rate reductions instead of increases. Stop being woke.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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Fairly important

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Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Transport options. Road is not enough and the roads bottleneck. There needs to be trains

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Not enough focus on getting operating costs down. \$16M to Maori, you have to be joking! Council should be for all people, nothing to any race separate. Focus should be on reducing waste and dropping costs.

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Support

**Tell us why**

makes sense. Should be targeting visitors at all locations such as the museum with an entry cost and keep things free for ratepayers.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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What is currently in Rodney works well, leave it alone as most don't purchase bags and have a bin supplied by econowaste.

## Question 4:

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

We need a pool, we need better roads. No quibbling over stupid crossings, we need north west fixed.

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Grass gets to over a meter high at roundabouts making it dangerous yet we are talking about cycling and horse plans? Back to basics, do them right before wasting money on other things.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It will make Auckland more expensive and less attractive to tourists and visitors

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Rates in Rodney are high enough given the lack of any input in some areas from council

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna,Rodney

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most **Tell us why** You have so far wasted extraordinary amounts of money on reducing car parking- and there fire damaging businesses and opening up areas for dangerous homeless losers to terrorize locals. Stop wasting our money on your stupid projects Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below. **How important are these priorities to you?** **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub** Less important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Less important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Less important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Less important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Stop wasting our money on ethnics support and your stupid greenwashing programs

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Community events, Youth activities

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

#### **Tell us why**

The pest control program for Kawau Island is a total grift and waste of taxpayer money. The council needs to reject this plan outright immediately and put a stop to this make-money scheme

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Stop wasting our money on rubbish mana whenua, greenwashing and ill -conceived pest control and compliance

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Support most

### Tell us why

Need more focus on working with and alongside local communities. What has happened to community led development and localism.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Safety not really a big issue in Rodney. Other priorities will make more difference

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Organisation (if applicable): Kaukapakapa Area Residents and Ratepayers Association

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

We support fairer funding for Local Boards.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **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 all

**Tell us why**

We support allocation of funds to connect communities safely, and to support environmental groups to deliver environmental restoration.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Supporting Greenways Plans is our top priority and we have had a programme for pedestrian safety upgrades planned for Kaukapakapa for 6 years now that was funded and now has been delayed. We need our residents to safely be able to move around our community.

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Too much of a feel good plan without any provisions for current issues in local areas. Where is there any mention of upgrade to our Rodney roads on west coast that have been left out for years. Too much concern for east coast and southern areas. Existing money wasted on existing infrastructure groups that waste money deliberately.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

**Tell us why**

Another tax revenue gathering process. Will only affect those who cannot find a way around it. Effective?

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Rubbish targeted rate. Bags around \$5 each use one per week. What would rate be? Can't even get rubbish collected from gate have to drive 2 km to drop off who is paying for that?

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Keeping reserves clean and providing playgrounds? Once again what about the western side? When adults are paying the rates where is their bonus. Always the bridesmaid for infrastructure roading development nothing new in 20 plus years. Can't even keep power on. Helensville kaukapakapa areas forgotten.

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**

Fairly important

##### **Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

##### **Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

##### **Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

##### **Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Pest control is a major concern in our area. Rabbit magpie wild cats impact every day. For those of us without weapons the cost of eradication is ongoing with a never ending supply. No work on control done here by council.

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Nothing new here just more cost to absorb

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

I like the direction the Mayor has lead the council in with the LTP. My main concern is continuing to keep council disciplined and focused on delivering core services and providing value for money. The rate increases are still quite high in real terms so investment into long term sustainability in terms of funding is crucial as I wouldn't want to see rate increases above 5% per year occurring

over the very long term. Most people couldn't dream to get those kinds of increases to their salaries/wages year on year.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

### Tell us why

I'm mixed on this. I don't understand enough about the arguments either way. On the one hand, why can't the council live within its means. Get value for money for events. Why can't the private people that organize and presumably profit from them, organize the investment required. A levy on short term stays is better than funding shortfalls with rates increases or debt on the other hand though perhaps.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

### 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

### 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I don't think you should raise rates until the recession has passed. People are barely surviving at the moment

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

**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**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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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**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Fairly important

**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**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Every year, the Auckland council claims to be funding transport and infrastructure, millions of dollars are wasted every year in the areas that already have this. Auckland council needs to change how to divide their money to evenly distribute it through out Auckland.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Rodney area & life style land owners pay some of the highest rates in Auckland, yet there is little to no reliable public transport and roading is terrible. Auckland council is taking the money from these areas and wasting it on things like; the \$4million dollar Christmas tree

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney, Waitākere Ranges

## 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?

Do not 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**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

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**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## 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. I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Less important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Less important

**Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)**

Less important

**Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson**

Less important

**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**

Less important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

**Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks**

Very important

**Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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The council talks about funding and upgrading community events. Yet they are removing one of the longest running community & family events in Auckland; Western Springs speedway. It is 100% disgraceful to the people of Auckland and outer regions to removed Western springs speedway. Again Auckland council is trying to waste money, by building a new stadium, when Auckland already has enough plus there is a stadium that is hardly used, West harbour Stadium. This stadium in all aspects is better, less money to be spent and can be upgraded, has car parking, easy access by public transport, ITS ALREADY THERE!! Auckland council needs to pull their heads in. Take a look at just how many people attended Western springs speedway on the last night of the season, and try tell the people of New Zealand that it's not a thriving event.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Because most of the proposals make sense.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

How else are we going to fund these events without the Auckland ratepayers picking up the tab? Good luck with getting this one past the clowns in Central Government!

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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As a resident in the Rodney District we would put out a rubbish bag on average every 5 weeks. We compost our food scraps and make every effort to minimise waste. By inflicting a bin collection upon us is a total embuggerance and will cost us money. We should have the option to opt out.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Support all proposals except rubbish collection (see previous).

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Priority 3) Vitally important. Priority 4) Pest control needs to be a top priority Priority 7) Council needs to urgently educate and crack down on people pillaging shellfish etc from the rock & pools on the foreshore - it's an absolute disgrace!

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Support most

### Tell us why

This is a general rating. Difficult to decide without the detail being available.

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Other

### **Tell us why**

I support the bed tax as a concept. I've paid something similar in many cities/countries. Didn't NZ used to have a departure tax at the international airport once? I think that bed tax should be imposed as stated - including AirBnB accommodation - but that this should be waived for anyone who can prove they are an Auckland ratepayer. That shouldn't be hard to do.

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Waste management - I'm on a rural property and try to recycle/compost as much waste as possible. As a result it is not necessary to use the existing bag every week. Add to that the fact that there is no collection required when I'm away from home, resulting in only having approx 26 collections per year. I assume that a targeted rate would struggle to accommodate that scenario in a financially fair way. The pay-as-you-go system currently in use works very well for us.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

The Rodney Board covers the largest geographical area, and the population is increasing rapidly. The new and proposed motorways will speed up this population growth. Add to that the number of roads still unsealed, and the damage made by heavy construction vehicles to existing, poorly maintained roads, means that the amount of funding needed to supply and maintain the necessary infrastructure IN ADVANCE of construction work commencing, is huge. And yet poor planning and financing means we will remain in catch-up mode .... again. What happened to the targeted rate supposedly for road sealing that the council took for other purposes?

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

There are a large number of organisations in my area that are operated by volunteers. A prime example is the Matakana Information Centre which consistently puts the Ateed-operated Warkworth Info Office in the shade (why would you close an info office in the centre of the area's largest town on a weekend, when it is flooded with visitors desperate to escape the inner city? A prime example of Council efficiency). But those voluntary organisations sometimes need funding, so the local board should be able to step in when required. We are not talking the mega-millions shed out for the likes of AAF, SailGP, Pride or Pacifica, servicing the central city population, but please remember that Auckland City is not just the CBD and inner suburbs.

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What is being done to cut wasteful spending? For example, the refurb of the old Mahurangi East library/community centre has been going for a year now with no sign of the work ending. By doing a better audit of the existing state and the improvements required, money could have been saved by building a new facility more in keeping with today's needs.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

a further increase of rates that in no way benefits me as I do not use public transport which I would have to pay for anyway and most of the funding never gets to the wider community

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

hotels are already expensive to then have a further increase would just deter me from coming to events at all

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Support

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

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Support all

### Tell us why

Money is now being spent where needed and not on vanity projects. Unfortunately we do not have the money to build a stadium on the waterfront, and Eden Park can be approached from any direction. Our buses in Warkworth are very popular. The Arvida proposal on Matakana Rd

showed greed and not a lot else. We must be very careful to keep the green belt, and thankfully the contour generally dictates.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We have huge visitor numbers in Rodney, and many tracks/beaches well patronised. The beaches and shorelines must be protected from predatory humans/locusts in action - see Leigh Swimmers who caught a boat fishing off Goat Island. Laws are needed, Refer to Earle Wright of Taporā who asked a group to remove nets across an estuary and was shown a knife. We need a law to protect our rock pool anemones. Every NZ child has stuck a finger in a rock pool anemone

to see what happened.. Everything else in there looked boring or scary. What on earth are Year 3 going to do when they get to study rock pools. The fisher men of Kawau Bay can no longer collect scallops - I have never heard anyone complain - ever.

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Support most

### Tell us why

You still need to get spending down. 7.5% increase each year over 10 years is a doubling of income. Do we get double the results? Inflation is less than 4% - why should you increase by more than that unless you are not managing the budget. Spend less on AT initiatives, less on freebies like movies in the park. Maybe sell some parks for building.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Either accommodation providers pay OR we don't fund the major events. Major events should be self-funding or not happen

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In ROdney. We don't use bags (which are terrible as the dogs and possums go in to them). We have a wheely bin. I'd support the proposal if it code less than \$200 a year and provided a wheely bin

## Question 4:

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

We have enough parks and playgrounds.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Libraries - very important. Arts and youth programmes not at all

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I trust the Council's decision-making process and priorities and recognize the need for increased funding

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Support

**Tell us why**

The AirBNB, Bookabach and other short-term systems are filling up accommodation that should be used for long term housing. This may encourage a return to accommodation for housing

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Support

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Replacement of bags with bins makes sense in that it provides a perceived free rubbish collection free service to those who currently hire bins from a waste collection service. Anything that undermines the waste industry is good to me!

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

For years Rodney District seemed to lack the ability to support community activities like zero waste events. It is hoped with increased funding the Board could afford to support environmental education work, especially around zero waste and climate action.

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It is great that the maunga have been gifted back to the mana whenua. It is hoped the Council can support their efforts to regenerate them and reinvigorate their original mauri.

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Overall a good balance of prudent and long term investment

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Support

**Tell us why**

We need to get some additional income from non rate payers

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Introduction of council rubbish collection in Rodney is ok, but the weekly collection is expensive

## **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

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The local board needs to prioritise with AT the sealing program of Rodney's local unsealed roads

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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#5003



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Re; Refuse Targeted Rate - I live rurally in Rodney and manage my waste to minimise as much as possible so I only need a collection every 6-8 weeks . I do not need to be adding to my rates bill to pay for a rubbish collection I do not use / need

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less 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**

Less 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**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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#5007



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do NOT believe a rates increase is appropriate at a time when people are struggling so much!

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

We want to encourage people to stay not tax them!

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Residents deserve quality rubbish removal - it is built into rates already

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

I'm tired of mismanagement of funds

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

7. Aucklanders are over police, over controlled and we are a mayure capable race able to comply already. Stop focusing on control and provide entertuand things to do in spare time suck as flying foxes into lakes, natural swimming locations mor bike tracks, more wharfs for kids and adults to play on, better physical exercise tracks free education on watersports and air spares such as surfing and kite surfing. More parks equiped for your animals less Doc areas we dont care about

nature as much as greens but iur policies certainly act like we do - better areas to camp in and free - for famikies You focus should be on development of a richer deeper more connected culture - NOT Maori but multi cultural by connecting through our natural resources and enhancing tyese to bring adventure and togetherness

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

I am tired that you keep raising rates to resolve your money issues - I suggest their are far better ways to- invest a proportion of rates to make more money, stop wasting ratemony on reports and being tied up by red tape. We do nit need to have so many people doing nothing during road maintenance or need so many oeole to patrol the road during maintenance money is wasted everywhere with no common sense or reason for usch over policing for basic matters. De-regulating and taking a step back to stop being overpritive but be exonomical in hiw we go about things.



#5008



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

This appears to be a reasonable way forward particularly with more local input

### 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**

Funding events is expensive and a further financial burden on locals

## **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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All these need to be policed in terms of value for money and delivery on time otherwise overruns and poor quality will result.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

There is a need to reduce the use of toxic sprays and to change the continuous mowing strategy on some reserves.

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**

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**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)**

Current house building appears to have a scattergun approach with little long term view. The city should be restricted in development by a green belt and there should be large green native areas around new builds.

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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No

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Tell us why

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**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.*

Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

3A we do not support this as we use a private contractor who provides a better service using small wheelie bins. The plastic bags are so thin they rip easily. The private contractor is cheaper and by enforcing yet another targeted rate we would be paying for a Council service we won't use.

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Rodney

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

We would like to see more funding for Public transport and community based features such as community halls, parks etc. More funding for new developments such as Milldale. With a proposed population of 10,000, more park facilities are required.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

More funding for new developments such as Milldale. With a proposed population of 10,000, more park facilities are required.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

More funding for new developments such as Milldale. With a proposed population of 10,000, more park facilities are required and general community spaces.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

More funding for Milldale. With a proposed population of 10,000, more park facilities are required and general community spaces. There are currently no parks and barley any plans for any to be built. We would love to see our rates being used for the community and getting something back in return.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

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**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

All 3 areas are in desperate need of overhaul.

### 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**

Events are very important to bring people together. A small charge to help these continue is ok

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

If the rubbish collection isn't another charge I'm all for it

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Very important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Very important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

North harbour stadium - great location to be used more frequently-

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

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Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Have not studied the whole plan

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Unfair to residents and rate payers who are trying to stay financially afloat and look after their property

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I support user pays rubbish handling- recycling, buy own bags

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I support any council initiative which can enable full public access to Regional Parks which have volunteer labour and ARC Staff already working. Notable the Mahurangi East Park.

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Agree that infrastructure needs seriously upgrading on water/waste water but the sewage on new developments such as Millwater/Milldale are not well handled.

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Support

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the idea is good but can see difficulty in implementation especially on Airbnb's

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Refuse Targeted rate to lifestyle properties in Rodney We buy green rubbish bags and take it 2km's to the collection point. By the time we have recycled soft plastic at the supermarket, tin foil to those making bedding for the homeless, paper/cardboard, tins & bottles to recycle and compost all food scraps, we only use a rubbish bag once every 2 months. Concerned our recycle bins are not being recycled-think there should be a council/private run proper recycling place like Singapore that can eventually be self funding

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all seems to be south of Albany except the treatment plant at Wellsford-no mention of the rubbish tip at Dome valley and the terrible town planning in the new areas near Orewa/Silverdale which have allowed narrow roads that are expected to have buses on them

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Talks cheap-ask me in 3 years if it's been carried though

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Wonderful to support those whose backgrounds are based with Pasifika, Diwali and Lantern festivals and the many Maori events but see very little for the majority of European people who celebrate the religious festivals of Christmas (birth of Christ not Santa)and Easter (death & most importantly the resurrection of \*\*\*\*\*)-think in embracing other cultures you've thrown the baby out with the bath water



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Spend too much money on cultural things. Like Pacifika and Pride parade. These should be paid for by the people that are doing them. If they want to have these parades or like it shouldn't be funded by the ratepayer. These should not be funded by the ratepayer. Ratepayer money should be for essential core things . Not want to have

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Support

**Tell us why**

The Hotels/Motels make the money so they should pay. If i go stay in a Motel or hotel let me pay but if not the ratepayer should not pay. They get no benefit

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I am against the targeted rate for refuse. At the moment we use a green bag every 2 weeks. I don;t need a bin. I should be able to make my own mind up about how i put put my rubbish. A bag a fortnight suits me and i am sure when i look in the street on rubbish day there are very many houses that have rubbish bag. A few bins but plenty of bags. I don't want to have another bin that i have to pay for and won;t use. We should have a choice. Also many older people here that put a bag out maybe 1 a month. If they have to have a bin they are paying far too much for their rubbish. Subsidising someone else rubbish. Very unfair and greedy of the AKL council

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I do agree about information for libraries. They are needed and do a great job. Our local board need to look at the footpaths. Along Parkhurst Rd between Fordyce road and The 4 Square the footpath is discusting. Someone will trip over on this and it will be on the Council. SOme of the path is sinking and when it rains you can;t walk over the path you have to walk on the berm of the road. Also need more volunteers

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Promote physical activity. I am sure families can do this. Don't need the local board to do this. Can't people decide for themselves. If a kid wants to go get some exercise there are plenty of parks around that they can use. Don't need any more

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Transport - the NoRs for Dairy Flat dominate planning, and are beyond the Annual Plan The mixed rural zoning for Dairy Flat is inappropriate and needs to be re-set as Countryside living. The zoning was imposed to restrict landholder development, but is at odds with, for example, extension of Redvale Landfill to 2028 which enabled Redvale landfill to profit, at the expense of Dairy Flat.

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### Tell us why

Playing at the fringes and penalises the natural market forces that allow for a flexible accommodation resource via private homes. Large infrastructure accommodation is owned off-shore and the profits do not feed back into the Auckland economy. Mum and Dad airbnb type rentals, do. Keep it local

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Bags are consumer driven and the choice is with the consumer. Flat fees will never be fair. Just don't go asking for trouble.

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With more people living in high density areas, the need for small and large green space increases also. Green Park is absolutely key, and should be developed as an unstructured green space. Louise Johnson has been a great advocate and will be missed

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Where is the Council Waste Infrastructure forward planning. Beyond a 15 year timeframe. Privatisation has not served ratepayers well.

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Kumeu residents already pay individually and with the recommended 2 week collection cycles, and I do not want to have my collection reduced to that time length.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Do not support the water one as we provide our own water so our rates should be less - we also disperse our own waste - so once again our rates should be reduced but we pay the same as properties on the North Shore with all services provided - how is that fair

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

We already pay econo waste a charge to remove our rubbish

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

The amount is too high and needs revising. I support a 1% fee. The balance needs to be right in terms of putting people off and just fleecing them. Lower the amount I say.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Again, the amount is just too high. Love the ambition of council, but you are simply wanting to raise it by a lot. This is an unfair hike as our incomes are not being increased anywhere near that. Even when we do get an income increase this is just sucked up by increases such as this. Our family is looking at leaving Auckland due to this type of unsustainable increase. We may pay as much or even more in other parts of the country, but the cost of living is lower. I support an increase, but only at the inflation rate.

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

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**

Very important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Less important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I love that council is looking at future proofing with weather events. I am a little sick of council putting in more and more restrictions on dogs. Another reason we are looking at moving out of Auckland.

### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

#### **Tell us why**

It should be a more central location. Great for me at the moment, but put the money into something more central.

## **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**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Support most

### Tell us why

good to see flooding and drainage, along with roads getting priority

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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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)*

With the council rates cost more than our current weekly bag charges?

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey,Rodney,Upper Harbour

## 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**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## 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**

Fairly important

**Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents**

Fairly important

**Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature**

Fairly important

**Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process**

Very important

**Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

### **Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local waste minimisation activities

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**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

No

**Tell us why**

There should be a local trust that manages North Harbour Stadium that was paid for by local community fundraising. Council incompetence and lies have run down the stadium just as the lies about western springs speedway have run roughshod over a deed that speedway should stay at western springs. This sort of seemingly corrupt behaviour should not be allowed.

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Council needs to stop wasting money on stupid things like painting a Henderson intersection blue and stick to the basics of maintaining public infrastructure such as Drainage, Roading, Parks and community facilities.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Infrastructure investment is critical

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Support

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Hibiscus and Bays

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**Tell us why**

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Support most

### Tell us why

We need the infrastructure improvements badly. We don't need all the sports facilities and things to attract tourists. We also can't afford many of the community services. Families & housing are not important till we fix other existing problems.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

I only support it for international tourists.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

The waste management proposal is bad for where I live. We have tank water. We are being forced to use Auckland for our waste collection and have it added to our rates. Not OK!!! We can't afford more rates increases. The new septic policy is totally unfair too. As a household of 2, why do we have to have our tank cleaned as often as a family of 8? The cleaning rates have doubles since the council policy went into effect. Sucks! literally...

## Question 4:

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Rodney

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Too much for families. No more play areas and pools till finances get better, if ever. We need dog control.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Taking care of the environment and what we have needs to be prioritized over youth and play opportunities. I'd rather support school programs for children if anything.

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Too expensive. We can't take rate increases every year. Living in Leigh we feel like we get nothing important to us. What we need is dog control. There are too many people being charged at by unleashed dogs on the walkways in the area.



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**Tell us why**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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**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**

Very important

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Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

No.6. I reside in Milldale, a fast growing suburb of mainly families. We are very lacking in facilities I,e. Long delay in establishing a decent park. Nowhere for older children to play, no biketracks or skating areas. No basketball court or soccer fields We have no community house of any description. Feel we are very poorly served here in light of the evergrowing rates take in the area. Maintenance has been a big issue with constant complaining to get areas seen to, often in a state of total neglect. There's many dead trees that need replacing. The area seems to be forgotten in so many ways. Disappointing.

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

rubbish should be user pays.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I understand your plan, difficulties include single older non working pensioners like myself finding extra capitol to assist via rates etc, especially as I am having to assist my daughter's out of region monthly rent due to her partner walking out on their relationship and she is now obligated to stay in that region for their children sharing situation as an example.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

User pays structure.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I have lived rural for 12 years now and the combined wheelie bin for recyclables and separate bag is working fine in my and others around me here situations. The bag on top of the bins is always collected promptly (firstly) and efficiency which prevents wandering dogs raiding bags otherwise.

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Support most

#### Tell us why

Yes, understand your intentions, but do not believe in my local area this will not be relevant. ie. a few years ago I was very frustrated at lack of council support for assistance of my neighbours gross breach of their trees encroaching my council covenanted wet land area. They were sympathetic but wouldn't even send an environmental officer around to check on this. I had to set in place to take my complaint to disputes tribunal for action.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Don't see this being of high application in my suburb. At least if the roads are maintained will be more of significance.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Milldale has not been allocated any funds, this needs to be rectified as the subdivision grows to be one of New Zealand's biggest new greenfield development

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

Need more cash to support venues

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Milldale has not been allocated any funds, this needs to be rectified as the subdivision grows to be one of New Zealand's biggest new greenfield development. We need a playground with toilet facilities and bins,

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes

Very important

##### Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations

Very important

##### Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction

Fairly important

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Very important

##### Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Very important

##### Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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to urgently raise concerns regarding the lack of essential community facilities in Milldale, a rapidly growing greenfield development poised to become one of New Zealand's largest new subdivisions. Despite its significant growth and future potential, Milldale has yet to receive allocated funding for critical amenities, which is now impacting the health, safety, and well-being of current and future residents.

Playground Facilities, Families and children in Milldale have no safe, accessible recreational spaces. A playground is vital for fostering community cohesion and supporting physical and social development.

2. Public Toilets The absence of restroom facilities in public areas creates inconvenience and hygiene challenges, particularly for families, seniors, and visitors.

3. Waste Management Infrastructure: A lack of public bins has led to littering, undermining the area's cleanliness and environmental sustainability. As Milldale continues to expand, the need for these facilities will only escalate. Proactive investment now will prevent long-term deficits in livability and ensure the development aligns with Auckland's vision for inclusive, sustainable communities. We urge the council to:

- Prioritize funding for these amenities in the upcoming budget cycle.
- Engage with residents and developers to identify optimal locations for facilities.
- Expedite planning and construction to match the subdivision's growth trajectory.

Milldale's residents deserve the same standard of infrastructure as other Auckland communities. Delaying action risks exacerbating dissatisfaction and compromising the development's success. We request a formal response outlining the council's plan to address this issue and welcome an opportunity to discuss solutions collaboratively. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

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Western Springs Speedway back for 2025/2026 season and years after it.



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Tell us why

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Other

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Do not support

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Purchasing rubbish bags is a user payment system. It encourages people to reduce the amount of rubbish they send off. Composting and recycling start at home

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I don't know

#### Tell us why

You want me to read through some document I can't for some reason find?

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**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

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Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Promotion and support for groups doing restoration of the environment builds for our future and goes a little way to mitigating the damage done by humans to our home.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Costs on tax payers

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Another tax to stop visitors

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Do not support most

#### Tell us why

More bureaucracy and more money spent on meetings

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

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Less important

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As above

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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**Tell us why**

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Less important

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Fund Milldale spaces - there is no where for youth to spend time and the Waterloo development has stalled. Progress the Waterloo development please

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

we need reasonably priced buses, not cycle ways. most of auckland are way too far away from work to cycle or walk, stop wasting money

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Support

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rates linked to property value is rubbish. just because one suburb is worth more than the one next door does not mean that they use more services otr cost more to maintain.

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Less 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)

Points 2 and 5 - Hard no. we have plenty already and are all in very close proximity to the beach.  
Do not spend more money on this

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Auckland needs to increase and or improve public transport Water is an essential that needs to always be available Sharing the council funding for local communities is very important. Since Auckland became a 'Super City', local communities feel quite rightly that most of the funding goes to the central city, not the outlying communities.

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Support

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I think this is a fair and reasonable way to add to the funds to provide major events, etc.

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Regarding the refuse targeted rate. I don't know about Franklin but many hundreds of Properties in .Rodney should not be included in this proposal because - most of us have no Sewerage connection, therefore we have our own septic tanks ( for which we pay regular inspection fees ) and we are well aware of and understand about disposing of ALL types of waste. From my observation, most households are very particular about 1. recycling, 2. re-using and. 3. composting. Many rural people also incinerate some of their rubbish. This means that we only need to dispose of one Orange rubbish bag occasionally, maybe once a month, certainly not several bags each week. The cost to us of a refuse targeted rate added to our rates is most unfair

and could possibly make people feel angry and decide to refrain from dealing sensibly with their waste, and just think - oh well, we have to pay this fee, we'll just lump everything out together and that can be the Councils problem.

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Support most

#### **Tell us why**

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Less important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Our rates are out of control and have been for a long time. We live off our own water supply. This should be encouraged more! Busses in our area are mostly empty. Is this a good way to spend our money?

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

More money spent on things that should support themselves.

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I haven't used rubbish bags for years. Just more plastic in the landfill.

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Dogs on leashes! Should not be allowed on smaller pathways.

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Support funding for libraries, zoo, museum, animal/pound expansion, some of youth related stuff, Install driver safety screens on approximately 1,100 buses, resource recovery facilities around the region.. but rest should go. enough money has been poured into the city centre, how about some essential infrastructure that has not kept up with growth in the neglected North

west? Dont want rates increases on doing up city centre any more, they have already had the lions share and it doesnt benefit us. I dont agree with council supplying housing unless it is for elderly & dont trust what your up to when you are letting the old people housing areas be emptied out and vacated. dont agree with kauri die management is a waste of money scam as is the whole ' pest eradication' thing, A lot of the wording in your plan is ambiguous and would be easy to manipulate to suit who ever gains to benefit from these ' ideas' . There is no proper accountability so what is even the point in having budgets when there is NO transparency and what is ' transparent' is also ambiguous. You wouldnt give a child more pocket money if they were stupid and dishonest with the way they spent it so I am opposed to rates rises also

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### Tell us why

Why does the council feel the need to try and control everything? you dont do a good job, you cant even get core services right! when we look at how much is forked out on marketing, events etc out of our rates, leave it to the private sector. Festivals are not essential while core services go unmet, you cant even manage to look after our storm water infrastructure or even make sure its adequate in areas you are forcing intensive growth on and blame the climate for your bad and negligent decisions, stop treating the public like they are stupid. They are not. we want trains to the North west but council seems to be still forging ahead with the ridiculous supporting growth idea of destroying kumeu with double bus lanes even after the flooding caused by councils negligent planning, allowing huge amounts of swamp to be filled (while claiming to care about the environment and ecosystems). your just a pack of mostly hypocrites who drive what ever agenda lines your pockets even if its at the expense of others.

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rubbish bags work well, user pay as you go is better than bins which just encourage people to create waste. But looks like you have already made up your mind to force this on us and are pretending to consult

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#### Tell us why

your priorities are mostly wrong. I support libraries and some youth related activities. Leave pest control environment stuff out of it. its not wise to have people planting things willy nilly like phormium tenax where it will impede water flow when we have lack of storm water infrastructure and maintenance, its a recipe for disaster. Also the obsession with pest control: not councils job. mustelids are hard to catch, if you kill off rats and mice (their preferred & easy food source) what do you think they will target? how about you focus on clearing pest plants growing al over council property as part of maintenance rather than obsessively funding so much lawn mowing? Thats what used to happen

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Be great if you could make an effort to keep the mess at the back of the industrial area in Kumeu kept tidy, get rid of the pampas, keep the gorse under control etc. A lot of the things mentioned above are the jobs of private sector. Also, again, too much ambiguity, lack of accountability and transparency with how rate payer money is actually spent so would rather no rates increases. Until council opens the books and is fully transparent with how money is spent, including proper break downs. .. It is just not wise to support anything that is not transparent.

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The average rates rise is still well above inflation and makes it more and more difficult for seniors to afford. There should be an ongoing focus on reducing costs as there is in the private sector. I particularly object to the costs associated with operating septic tanks in rural properties. Our septic tank is required to be checked and certified every six months at a cost of \$300 per visit

excluding repairs and maintenance, this is despite having a relatively new septic tank. We live in the Puhoi area and the local beaches have a 100% positive record according to swimsafe. Focussing on rural areas will not fix the main water quality issues which appear to be in the urban areas of Auckland. I see that there was a review of the affordability of the targeted water rate but not of the costs of serving septic tanks. The cost for us is at least \$12 per week! I think Auckland Council does not take much notice of the rural vote as it is a tiny proportion of the vote in Auckland. That said, I think Auckland council does an excellent of maintains the roads and facilities in the area around Puhoi. The regional parks in Auckland must be the envy of most cities around the world.

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It is not possible to increase rates anymore than current increases, I understand that the events do benefit Auckland and should be funded.

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As per my previous comments.

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Many people do not ever go into a library, including seniors such as myself. Everything now is on line.

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Cut what the council does. Cut the number of staff the council employs. Stop funding 'pet projects of specialist lobby groups.

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Do not support

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This would make Auckland less attractive to visitors. Events should pay for themselves using attendance fees and not rely on subsidies from the council.

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Rates are far too expensive. Increases are far too high. Provide the option to pay rates monthly.

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Devonport-Takapuna, Rodney

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most **Tell us why** Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below. **How important are these priorities to you?** **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**  
Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Fairly important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community development and support activities, Community events, Local water quality activities

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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**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**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

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**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

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**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

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Auckland Council should focus on debt reduction and reducing spending. Auckland Council is trying to do too much and is not doing these things very well. It would be better to reduce the what the council does and contract out the majority of its services. Most of the community projects should be self-funded and not rely on council funding. Tūpuna Maunga is not in the interest of the people of Auckland. Transferring ownership to an elite will be detrimental to long-term condition of these natural assets.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Household rate should never increase. Finding must be sought without taxation of already struggling incomes to meet basic necessities.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Another tax - this will increase room rates and also put off my visitors especially those in mid to low budget travellers.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Households should be educated to recycle and make compost. I am penalised as a household because i rcyle. I fill a rubbish bag every 2 weeks because my household is careful. Now we will end up paying more for our rubbish. With the bag system i can controll my spend but council charges are out of my controll. Hence there is less incentive to compost and recycle.

## 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

There should be NO RATES INCREASES

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Support most

### Tell us why

I would like to have a higher priority on road maintenance, the street I live on has not been resealed for more than 25 years and tree roots from pohutukawa trees have broken through the seal. A 2 ks section of the only road into town in my area, which had broken up and was collapsing

on both edges has been 'patched up' instead of being resealed properly along the whole section. That's 'false economy', it's not going to last.

## 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**

Attracting visitors and and delivering major events may be considered vital to Auckland as a city but they are certainly not costs that should be paid for under the rates system.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I do not believe the council is being honest in the reasons they have given publicly for regressing from a user-pays waste management system back to a uniform charge included in the rates. I do not believe the change will lead to less waste going to landfills and it will be more costly for many people. Our household compost food waste and our cost for rubbish collection for the entire year of

2024 was less than \$50.00. A uniform charge through rates is not a 'fair' system and does not provide any incentive to people to reduce what they put out in their rubbish.

## 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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

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Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

From my observations the current level of mowing of reserves & berms, especially over summer months, & pest control is more than adequate. Any increase in maintenance should be for tracks, car parks and removal of overgrown vegetation & trees impeding on walkways. Just exactly what is meant by number 7, safety in what sense and what sort of education, monitoring & compliance?? Very vague. I consider the highest priority for Rodney is the upgrading and sealing of the rural roads. I believe Rodney's ratepayers money that should have gone into local roading has been used elsewhere by Auckland Transport since amalgamation and now there is a targeted rate - what other areas of Auckland have a targeted rate for their roads and transport??

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I am worried about Watercare being split off and hugely increasing its charges. Also concerned about the down grading of the S&P rating for Auckland Council.

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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**

This happens in many other countries so about time to do it in Auckland

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Rubbish collection. In Rodney I only use a paid rubbish bag about once a month. I don't need to pay for a large bin which encourages more rubbish to be put out. AND. Why can't we have the Tomra bottle & can collection points like in Brisbane. Put your recycling in the right place and get some \$\$ for it. SIMPLE!! Get it done asap.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Good selection of services to work on.

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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)

Please put more money into finishing the Coastal Trail for cycling & walking

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Very important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Less speed bumps in milldale and wider roads



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Support most

### Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

See our submission. Disagree on how the money will be used.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

The Rodney Pay as you throw system is cheaper overall and more efficient. Rates increases re too high (rate of inflation should be the limit) AC can do more to save money, increase fees and charges and pay off borrowing (scrap the Future Fund and repay debt). See our submission

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Its a reasonable mix but we need to allocate some local money to get locally driven proper planning (AC planning for Rodney growth is non-existent in some places and a mess in others.) See our submission.

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##### **Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

##### **Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

##### **Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

##### **Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Priorities should be (as for AC) on getting the basics right - fixing roads, maintaining and improving facilities and assets and encouraging volunteer and community driven contributions.

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See our submission



## Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/26 response

### Introduction:

Your consulting document has five questions:

- 1) What do you think of our proposed annual plan.
- 2) Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management and major events activities?
- 3) Changes to other rates, fees and charges. What do you think of these proposals?
  - a. 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?
  - b. 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?
- 4) What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?
- 5) Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

NAG's primary response is to repeat its comments made last year in response to the proposed 10 Year Plan:

<https://nag.org.nz/Auckland%20Council%2010%20year%20Plan%20response%20Mar%202024.pdf>

Some of these have been actioned, but AC has been trying to fine tune its model, not make any significant changes.

AC has not shown any real commitment to keeping rates growth in line with or below price increases.

An average of 5.8% this year is some 3.0% above current CPI inflation. There is no justification for this and PM Luxon made it clear at his address to the LGNZ conference <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/speech-lgnz-superlocal-conference> that Territorial Authorities should stick to the basics.

He wasn't joking when he said "ratepayers are sick of the white elephants and non-delivery"



## **Subsidised Public Transport**

The big hole in AC's budget (\$500m plus the \$200m from the CRL when operational) is the cost of subsidising Public Transport (PT). Its many advocates say we need to do this to get people off AC's congested roads. They conveniently forget that people in cars are paying the full costs of their travel and lost time in queues and still prefer that to the inconvenience, unreliability (or just unavailability), personal smells of others and crowding that PT offers.

The irony is that AC/AT supports congestion or time of use charging – which will add more cost for car travellers, yet continues to subsidise PT rather than increase charges and spend more on investment in better roads and transport mode alternatives to make use choices more attractive. INCENTIVES NOT COERCION please!

There is no money for investment in transport infrastructure if AC keeps providing loss making PT services.

The Mayor's \$50 a week limit is a popular joke played on ratepayers, since the people to benefit from that limit are the travellers who have (or choose to) to use PT the most and would (undoubtedly unhappily) pay full fares or even what it actually costs to use the services.

There is no CBA showing that the fare limit increases patronage and revenue more than the loss of the extra fare revenue. Its just a sop to the PT community, paid for by ratepayers at large, most of whom don't get any benefit.

The popular NX services, with dedicated bus lanes, are well patronised and demand from peak hour users is pretty inelastic. Passengers could well be charged 2 or 3 times the current fares. If congestion charging works for cars, why not for dedicated bus lane passengers as well?

AT seeks to increase services every time more people use PT. Since PT services lose money, that just increases the cost of the subsidy from non-user ratepayers.

AC/AT seriously needs to target a 50% in PT subsidies over fares, each year. Otherwise increasing rates more than inflation is a hole AC will never climb out of.



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While you are at it, reduce the subsidy of Gold Card(GC) PT users so that it at least does not exceed what the Govt provides. Government quickly moved to cap its expenditure on this subsidy to Councils, but they have been slow to limit their own subsidy of CG members. Most can afford to pay their own fares. For those who can't, at least restrict Gold Hop cards to holders of a community services card for a start.

## **Debt**

High interest rates have increased the cost of servicing AC's debt. If the AIA share sale money had been used to repay debt, instead of being put into a fancy Future Fund (that is just saved rates taken off today's ratepayers to be spent at a future Council's whim to benefit future ratepayers) we could all have had a much lower level of rate increase this year.

Why for any rational reason would we want to pay higher rates today to put our money into a fund that will offset future rate demand to benefit a different set of ratepayers who may not even be here or born yet?

The simple solution?

- 1) Scrap the Future Fund and pay off some of AC's debt.
- 2) Get the books back into balance (by cutting spending (eliminate subsidies and non-essentials) or increasing user charges) and keep rates increases in line with inflation! (Revenue from population and SUIP growth should match service cost increases (including servicing investment in infrastructure and facilities).

## **Non-Essential Spending**

The Taxpayers Union and Ratepayers Alliance are have a well justified field day with AC's wasteful spending on non-core items.

Council seems to be mesmerised with a vision of an iconic vibrant city centre, bustling with tourists and activity, paid for by a widespread ratepayer base that rarely visits and gets little if any benefit from inner city improvements, and activities.

AC spending on cultural events and activities of minority groups is just pandering to special pleading. Naturally AC has to manage group gatherings that affect others (road closures, transport arrangements etc), but all these groups can find their own



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funding support for their group activities. AC does not need to provide any funding from its rating base.

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[https://aucklandcouncil.uq.co.nz/mail/view/hn7fvyk2\\_r\\_n\\_8m513gqsxrmci0f\\_t8\\_8rc37s26rq2jknh7555xw7z2hy05y4299zr3z26yfciriy01g11sj](https://aucklandcouncil.uq.co.nz/mail/view/hn7fvyk2_r_n_8m513gqsxrmci0f_t8_8rc37s26rq2jknh7555xw7z2hy05y4299zr3z26yfciriy01g11sj) is a catalogue of non-core activities that AC does not need to fund at the ratepayers expense.

## **Bed Tax**

Because there is no user based funding for the assets, facilities and services of AC used by visitors and tourists, NAG supports the idea of a bed night tax.

But we do not agree that the money raised should be spent on funding festivals and events. It should be spent on the facilities and services that visitors actually use. Attracting them here is a function for the business and event sponsorship community. If they want to levy their own members or voluntarily contribute to spending on event promotion for AC, that would be great, but it is not the role of AC's ratepayers to do that for them.

"Big City" icons, promotions and events have no benefit for the rural ratepayers in outlying areas of AC, like Rodney! Local town and country events are already promoted by the locals who organise them and local business groups who benefit from them.

So if the bed tax proceeds, any money collected must be spent in the Local Board area where it is raised, fairly recognising the impact of tourists and visitors on use of services and facilities in that area.

Whether the bed night tax proceeds or not, AC should not fund the estimated \$7m spending on event attraction and promotion.

## **Localism and the Local Board Plan**

The Consultation document says:

### ***CCO reform***



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*We've made decisions and are progressing significant changes to three of the five substantive council controlled organisations (CCOs) – Eke Panuku, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Transport – to improve how we deliver our services. These reforms do not include any funding or service cuts. They involve changes to the organisations, to make council services more responsive to Aucklanders by bringing decisions closer to elected members.*

We have talked a lot in the past about the AC structure not being fit for purpose for Rodney, the problems of local coordination of AC's silos and the lack of integrated District level management of investment and service activity.

AC says it is supportive, but no significant actions are there to show "*changes to the organisations*" that will improve the management of resources allocated to Rodney. Adjustments to Local Board allocation are an improvement but not significant.

I repeat our comments from last year:

*"We talked about the need for more transparency and devolution in our submission on the budget last year. Particularly for rural areas like Rodney, we repeat our call for adoption of a decision making structure at local level which has authority for and integrates responsibility for AC activities in the area . It is needed to deal with problems of remoteness and lack of integration owing to different management control systems in different AC silos, CCOs and preferred contractors.*

*The move to a fairer funding allocation for local boards was a necessary change to improve fairness. Local boards have persistently suffered from the lack of transparency of AC activities at the local board level as AC does not provide any pro forma accounting covering all its activities in local board areas.*

*The system also suffers from a process of allocation of available funds (decided by the governing body) rather than a ground up approach to the management of assets and services provided at the local board level. The structure of Auckland Council does not work the way envisaged by the Royal Commission and continues to fail to deliver fair outcomes.*

*The process for achieving equitable outcomes of service levels in all local board areas has been going on for years and corrections have been delayed by the unwillingness of some councillors to give up funds for their areas so that other*



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*councillors' areas might benefit. The result is that no redistribution of basic funding has been made and unfairness persists while AC keeps talking about making improvements.*

*Rather than working from the bottom up on a needs basis, Auckland Council now has a top down funding model (80% population 15% deprivation and 5% land). This model inherently disadvantages areas like Rodney which have a relatively small population (5% of Auckland and a large land area (40% of Auckland)*

*The current proposals are better than making no changes, but they are a bit like putting trainer wheels on the kiddies bicycle that local boards are being taught to ride. The governing body is still struggling to let go any control."*

## **Planning and the new RMA**

Initiatives of AC and the Government to "reform" infrastructure development and growth still do not address the basic disconnect between requirements for centralised planning (by central government agencies and AC) and the rights of landowners (developers and individuals) to get the Court system to let them overturn plans and do what they want when they want.

The system of planning by AC and others needs reform. The messes in Kumeu and Warkworth and absence of any plan for Wellsford, or the Mahurangi as a whole highlight the weaknesses of the Auckland Strategy and Structure Plan and relevant Urban Design Standards as isolated myopic concepts for non-inner city suburban development.

More holistic District planning, involving AC, CG agencies (education, health), the Local Board, developers, and residents and ratepayers to build a consensus for how the area should grow and develop is long overdue.

NAG supports the initiative of local people who want to start a proper process in the Warkworth/ Mahurangi area. We hope AC has the wisdom to engage and support that.

## **Direct Answers to AC questions**

- 1) What do you think of our proposed annual plan?



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Not good enough – more spending cuts and increased user charges needed – see above.

- 2) Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management and major events activities?

Yes, but not to fund as proposed – see above.

- 3) Changes to other rates, fees and charges. What do you think of these proposals?

- a. 3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

As before we oppose Council provided waste collections in Rodney and prefer Pay as you throw. (We note the current proposal will cost ratepayers more as standard charges are proposed and collection distances are much greater in Rodney.)

- b. 3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

We have thanks.

- 4) What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

In general we support the programme as proposed by the RLB, but we would like to see some real delegation of authority and support for local management and especially a District holistic planning initiative.

- 5) Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

We would just repeat earlier concerns already submitted in past documents.

Yours sincerely

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The reality is that living rural we do not benefit from these but pay for it all. There are far too many grants/investments that would be better going into the core services. That would keep the rates down. I do not support any increase; you need to work within the budget. Rates, then water rates increase then targeted rates - it all adds up and these extra taxes/rates are going to create more

hardship. Do better and stick to what we have to do vs what is nice to do, that is how I expect things to be managed.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Another way to get a tax, that is more of a deterrent, which really goes against what you are trying to do. Auckland is already far too expensive.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Just leave the rubbish collection as it is (we like our bags). I do not want to be paying more for a service that I don't want. It has got crazy how we have increased all waste mgmt. costs over the last few years and then get food bins enforced on rate payers to pay for with no opt out! The difference between rural and urban needs to be considered rather than these unpracticable ideas

that are being approved. Multiple plastic bins, nowhere for them on the roads (we have culverts), rural people generally have animals that are fed the food scraps or have composting. The road use, trucks and energy is hardly environmentally smart.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

### **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I would prefer to see a detail list of what, where and budget. All sounds very high level and fluffy.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

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Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

no money given to local community projects    Are well funded.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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?**

Do not 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**

Less 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**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **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?**

Aotea/Great Barrier, Papakura, Rodney

### **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**

Very important

**Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply**

Fairly important

**Community marine education and marine biosecurity work**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**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?**

**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**

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

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services ,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Local waste minimisation activities

**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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

**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**

Less important

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Less important

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## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Here is a letter I sent to \*\*\*\* about weeds getting into our reserves from Council land Dear \*\*\*\*, I am writing after reading the February Coatesville Chronicle, Local Board News. I am elated to hear that funding could be used to remove pest plants along our roadsides. Around 2021 I contacted the council to bring to their attention Ginger growing along the roadside around Coatesville and one area that had been sprayed on Ridge road but whoever sprayed it had not made the effort to get the Ginger that was a little further in to spray the rest of it. I also brought to their attention the Ginger that grows along State Highway 1 from Just North of Puhoi to the Dome valley.

I was given reference numbers for these and informed it would be taken care of. I have noticed

that No spraying of Ginger has since take place in Coatesville, But spraying has taken place along State Highway 1 as mentioned above. But only the Ginger right next to the road! The Ginger just behind it is still doing fine. The reason I am bringing this to your attention is because I help trap the Coatesville scenic reserve. The last two times I have been in there to check traps I have come across areas of Ginger seedlings taking root in the reserve. Not just one or two but hundreds of them in 1 to 2 square meters of reserve, in several areas. I have stopped to remove them, but while I am doing this, I could not help thinking how many other areas there must be that I have not found. I certainly hope the Council take this problem seriously as a lot of the Noxious weeds grow on council land along the roadsides and the seeds are taken into native bush.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Significant increases in rates for refuse collection in Rodney (83% of targeted increase) for no service is an unnecessary burden

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Events should stand on their own financial benefit not yet MORE TAX

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I pay a small fee to get refuse picked up. I have no idea what concil is going to charge or if it is going to be a better service. I know what I pay and can control it. YET MORE TAX

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

Rodney has been poorly supported by Auckland Council for years and nothing in the plan suggests it will improve other than MORE TAX. Our local representatives do next to nothing and we have limited or no meaningful engagement. As the President of the local Soccer Association we have had nothing but drama with Rodney Local Board with poorly planned works to our local soccer grounds and buck passing.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes

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##### Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.

Fairly important

##### Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

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##### 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.

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We have enough government over reach in our communities, why would we want more 'monitoring and compliance'...? thats just code for 'meddling in your peaceful enjoyment of your society'. It would be good if Rodney Board could organise themselves to talk to local community sports associations and instead bleeting about 'we have no money' and 'you need to talk to us about our plans' to 'what do you want from us, how can we engage you better about your sports grounds

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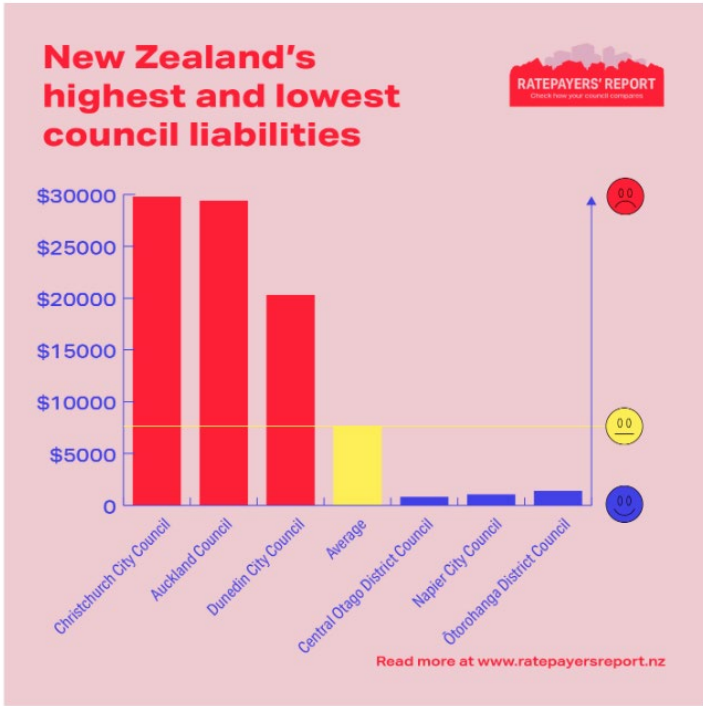
### **Tell us here**

Cut the fat in council, let people live their lives without constantly getting in the way or making life harder, improve property rights, make it easier and cheaper to develop land.

**Rates:** Auckland Council ranks highest for average residential rates at \$3,656, with Carterton District Council a close second at \$3,650. The lowest average residential rates in New Zealand is Ōpōtiki District Council (\$1,826).



**Liabilities:** Christchurch City Council once again has the highest liabilities per household with \$29,773, a natural consequence of the Canterbury earthquakes. Auckland Council in second place with \$29,397 liabilities per household can't blame a natural disaster. The only disaster has been political. Central Otago District Council maintains the country's lowest liabilities per household at \$808.





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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I particularly support more funding and extension of services for the library and Art community at Kumeu. i.e. Kumeu Art Centre and local library. These are a hub of activity for the increasing population in this area. The Art centre in particular has become a home for many people with its diverse options and classes offered to all age groups

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

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Very important

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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)**

As mentioned before I am particularly interested in seeing the continued development of the Art Centre and library complex at the Huapai /Kumeu hub. This has created a haven for many people in this constantly enlarging area of Auckland. The Art centre caters for such a wide range of options, including free classes for youth, and the library too has a wide ranging effect on the community including classes for mothers and young children.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

My rates are \$5000+ and olive rurally in north Auckland. The only services we get is a Recycle bin picked up fortnightly and the metal road occasionally regraded and weed sprayed . So how about reducing our rates instead of increasing them? We have a small cottage used as an AirBNB ant this last hydra the rate has doubled due to GST introduction and the advertising company rates

increasing. All other AirBNBs in this area have all doubled their rates. Now you're suggesting a bed tax as well. Our income this last year has been one third of previous years due to lack of travellers! Now more price increases! You are also going to impose a rubbish collection bin on us when we only produce one bag of rubbish every fortnight?. We are opposed to changing the current format. Running an empty bus from the last few years from Wellsford to Walkworth is an extreme waste of ratepayers money. The whole transport system needs to be reviewed We do not have the population to support it. Our financial situation as a country appears that we are broke and spending money is low as many shops and businesses are closing in most suburbs and towns. There is no growth happening in New Zealand just massive inflation. Return to key infrastructure and services and forget the nice to have until this country can afford it ( if ever). Give local communities more power for their development, let them manage their local services . Bring Auckland Transport in house as they have run riot with their spending policies in the last 3 years. Also Council is too focused on Māori being introduced into the organisation and racial policies in Council employment opportunities. Also the woke Diversity and inclusion policies instead of getting the right qualified people for the jobs. We are so disappointed with the Auckland Council and the contact we have had with their staff. .

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Another cost increase after GST was mandated on the businesses. Our prices have doubled in the past 3 years and our income declined 60%??

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

More rate increases for rural properties when what we have is fine

**Question 4:**

**Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

I don't know

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Less important

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Less important

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Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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I don't know

### Tell us why

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Tell us here**

More indoor basketball facility projects; namely: The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

If the events attract people, however I think it should be a small percentage,

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey, Rodney, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**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**

Fairly important

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Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## 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**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

**Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)**

Less important

**Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson**

Less important

**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**

Very important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Fairly important

**Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks**

Fairly important

**Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

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**

Fairly important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Fairly important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

I don't know

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

I don't know

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Less important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Fairly important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Less important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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)**

Local events, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

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Western Springs stadium and speedway have been part of my life - for my entire life. It is the legacy of my father who raced for 25 years and is the only crowd in this great city where I feel like I belong. The generations of families involved and the history make it heartbreaking to consider the terrible closure. The move to Waikaraka Park is inconceivable as it is not only an inferior venue, it simply can't accommodate all the competitors or the spectators. Does the council not consider the economic benefit of all these racers and the businesses they support? TAU plucks numbers from thin air regarding economic benefits from Sail GP - Over \$1million for just the hosting rights for a worldwide flop event with fake online numbers. Who is held responsible for these incredible failures that are supposedly promoting Auckland city. Metrics are not that difficult to measure. Don't rely on the Sail GP people who show a million views on the youtube video with only 8 comments...? Can we not get an audit? Claiming massive hotel bookings on a weekend with 2 Eden Park sellout concerts shows some blurred lines. Finally, TAU does not own Western Springs Stadium. Aucklanders do. Gifting it to an 80 year old American billionaire is offensive to both Speedway and Ponsonby rugby. While there is motorway access there is virtually no public transport hub. Or consultation with locals about his speculative football club business moving in. The proposed stadium and buildings do not even incorporate the idyllic natural amphitheater that make speedway and concert events special. Their small football and basketball buildings could be anywhere - (like North Harbour where the bulk of their fanbase's are.) Speedway deserves to stay at Western Springs. Case studies show it will die at Waikaraka Park.

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Our region is growing so fast. We need more planning in transport, water and community sporting facilities

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They won't notice the cost

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

In Milldale, teenagers in our area have nowhere suitable to go, leaving them with no choice but to stay indoors and spend excessive time on screens. A well-equipped playground for kids would provide a much-needed space for outdoor activity, social interaction, and physical exercise. Besides, the existing playground lacks even the most basic amenities, such as toilets and a water fountain, making it inconvenient and unwelcoming for families and all children alike. It is frustrating that while our rates continue to rise, essential community developments, such as a proper playground for big kids, playground with good shelter and full amenities. Families in our area deserve better access to facilities that promote outdoor activity, engagement, and social connection. Therefore, I definitely think the council should prioritize the completion of all stages of the Waterloo Reserve Playground, ensuring it meets the needs of all children in our fast growing community.

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Very important

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Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Number 2 priority: Currently, there are no suitable indoor spaces for year-round activities in Silverdale and surrounding suburbs like Orewa, Millwater, Milldale, Wainui, etc. With more housing developments and a rising population, the demand for a well-equipped leisure centre, including a swimming pool, gym, multi-purpose courts, and community activity rooms, has never been higher. A leisure centre would provide a central hub for residents to stay active, engage with their community, and improve their overall well-being.

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Support most

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Rodney

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

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Yes, leave Western Springs Speedway where it is. It's a national icon and famous throughout the world. Peter Snell set a world record there. Ivan Mauger 6 times world speedway champion rode there as did Barry Briggs ( who incidentally rode a motorcycle demo on Saturday night at the age of 90. So many internationally famous drivers have raced there. The Council really needs to rethink the terrible idea of moving the Speedway. My grandfather attended the very first meeting in 1929 and took us as children and I've never stopped going. It is magical to me to see all the colorful cars and drivers racing. I'm sure if the Council was on side with the Speedway they could make it so much more successful by giving the Speedway more meetings. 15 a year would be a lot more viable than the 10 we had this season. Also there are quite a lot of people with private collection. I would like to see a national speedway museum within the Stadium. I have visited these in Knoxville, Iowa and the Indianapolis Museums. Truly amazing. Please leave the Speedway at Western Springs. I love it as many others do to. Thankyou. Michael Adair

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Support all

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Help with funding.

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Do not support

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User pays only.

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**Tell us why**

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Re rubbish collections in Rodney.. Wheelie bin collections in many parts of Rodney will not work and will mean bins littering some streets all week. There are many holiday areas in the District where owners come for weekends only. Their bins will remain on the street until their next visit. Please allow the option of bags in holiday areas such as Omaha. Bag use means the streets are clean and tidy after the Monday morning collection.

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None



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Support most

### Tell us why

Water management is especially important in Rodney and North Shore now because both drought and flooding are serious issues which cause earth movement, destroying homes and businesses, breaking (especially old?) pipes that supply water from tanks and bores.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

How to discriminate between short term accommodation for sports and festival attendees and post op care, refuge, Woofers etc?

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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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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Is the food waste initiative stopping already? If so, it's a very sad waste of valuable advice and effort even though not required by keen gardeners. Wondering if green waste collection of grass clippings and tree cuttings will be included. Also will council ever consider the value of tree plantings in the calculation of property valuations and building consents? Also how to pay for annual inorganic recycling in future?

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Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

**Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

However, shocked that concern over damage by landslips are not addressed by the Rodney and Hibiscus and Bays boards.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Very important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Less important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Very important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I am not sure what such as .... strategies are and how much weight is being given to these rather than other strategies...

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why****Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

There doesn't seem to be adequate concern for communities such as Muriwai, Kumeu, where flooding and landslides have caused so much damage.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

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Fairly important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

As per the LTP consultation: MauriceWilliamson has discussed a fourth option under 1a - Do More With Less. I suggest you do that by revoking Auckland City Council Resolution number ENV/2019/72, MOVED by Chairperson P Hulse, seconded by

Member P Goff, and consider the science that says there is no need for alarm about the climate. This would mean funding less council activity towards Net Zero 2050, eliminate associated ballooning costs. Remove the goals of 2030 50% net carbon and 2050 net zero. The costs of these goal projects, staffing and reports are outside of fundamental council responsibility. I support council exit from C40 cities and other related Climate Emergency campaigns.

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Do not support

### Tell us why

An extra tax on visitors will be felt by private accommodation providers occupancy rates/Ratepayers. Council's core task is to manage our infrastructure not our events. Privatised events and remove rates contributions to these non-essentials.

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Support

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1. Increase to the waste management standard refuse rate. Current refuse rate-\$5 per bag = \$260 per annum. Waste bin charges will be \$12.60 pa/household. Support this. 2. Increase to the waste management standard recycling rate- Do not support. Current recycling is not changing. therefore costs should also not change. 3. Increase to the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate- Do Not support-Do more with less- Public transport needs to stand on its own two feet, or change contractors. The Long-term Plan's central proposal includes a \$13.4billion investment by Auckland Transport to make public transport faster, more reliable and easier to use. As rural ratepayers- this expenditure is irrelevant, has no fiscal benefit, and is punitive to trades, rural commuters, and self-employed contractors. 4. Increase to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate- Do not support. Councils are already paying out \$24 million annually to Maori outcomes fund/ CCOs to cogovern our natural environment. Council should cease race-based consultation and save funds for actual conservation instead of consultation. Continuing to pay Iwi as exclusive consulting benefactors is preferential bureaucracy and a drain on ratepayers. Special interest groups need to be fiscally independent and self-funded. 5. Increase to the Water Quality Targeted Rate- Do not support. For rural properties who do not receive water/waste water supply, this is another insult to our pockets.

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Rodney was managing it's own regional priorities which changed under the supercity. A resumption of core services, (not education, entertainment, programmes and events), should be top of the list. The region already has a number of private providers with discounts for low income, that outcompete council providers. I would strongly suggest that a cost of living crisis will last a decade before deficits and borrowing are brought under control, therefore council adopting an active position in 2025- election year -on debt reduction and savings from discretionary nice to have spending should be the highest order. Also-the spending priorities above overreach into social engineering and welfare-need building. Rodney already has plenty of walkways/ cycling ways and farm horse tracks. Programmes for community education are nice to have in times when council debt is under control, here's a lightbulb moment- it isn't!!!! The council increased debt from 11.1 BILLION in 2022 to 13.2BILLION in 2025, it is going up at a rate of 1BILLION per year, which is incredibly negligent. Cut the programmes, the consultations, the reviews and reporting filling private consultants and Iwi pockets and get serious about reducing debt. The above priorities do not mention Rodney roads. Come on Auckland council, there are still roads affected by the 2023 AKL anniversary storm, that need better and more frequent maintenance. remember the core 3Rs: roads recycling rubbish

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Andrew Hoggard associate minister for environment wrote to me in June 2024 and said that he had not seen any use of RCP 8.5 in policy decisions in government. Auckland council's RIMU has

admitted there is no evidence available and chooses to use a business as usual approach to climate change in it's reports. The flaw in using this worst case scenario in Auckland, is that even the IPCC has walked back from using 8.5RCP in ANY policy making advice. Therefore, any climate actions thereby imposed on the ratepayers costs for Auckland are now fraudulent and wholly unscientific/unsupported. Since earlier climate models were last adopted by NZ, and worst-case Greens policy was imposed on Farming, the IPCC now considers the socioeconomic (SSP) outlook of each scenario, and we should be using a scenario that has low socioeconomic impacts. Auckland Council can save the ratepayer the cost of these outdated plans and remove the climate action strategy from our invoices, Thank you!

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

We already pay enough for our rates, I have a family with a kid on the way, life is already experience enough and rates is just the quarterly hit that never seems to give back. The \$50 cap for public transport is good but should be cheaper, again we want to encourage public transport which this city failures to properly do by having high costs. Look at Melbournes public transport

Some events such as the Americans cup should have their funding reduced. The fan base is literally smaller than the amount of people who visit the corner dairy. Put money into events that a large majority will attend.

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**Tell us why**

This may further discourage attendees and staff

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Do not support

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Life is hard enough as it is. Enough with the large rate increases.

## **Question 4:**

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#### Tell us why

Rodney seems to be the forgotten board in all of Tamaki Makarau

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

No



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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Organisation (if applicable): Whangaparaoa Lodge

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

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### Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

#### **Tell us why**

While we desperately need more marketing spend in Auckland, local bed taxes are not the right solution and Auckland Council has almost \$7 billion of revenue so should easily be able to find \$20 million for event attraction

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

#### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

I don't know

#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I support a very small levy, that is fair to accommodation providers, so that they are still viable, so that funds can be raised for important events in the city.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Totally support this. I live in Rodney and we have to buy services from a private provider. Why shouldn't we get the same service as the rest of Auckland.

## **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 all

#### **Tell us why**

Fairer share of our rates dollars invested locally.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

For our community to be vibrant

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Concentrate on core services

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

User pays.

## **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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Councils job is core services. Water , Sewerage , Roothing. DOG CONTROL.

## Question 5: Other feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Save money instead by sticking to basic services of having rates increased.

### 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**

Support for bigger suppliers, not for small operators like air b n b etc

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Stick to basics

### **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?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

I only know that the board is trying to get rid of the pony clubs in Warkworth and Matakana, not cool. They should invest money in these instead.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

No 5. So much development in the area and hardly nowhere to take horses for safe riding. We definitely can't use the roads.

**Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

It is not clear how much the targeted rate will be and whether users will be better off or not through a council funded service.

## **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 all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 5: Other feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

I believe that prioritising these areas is critical for improving the quality of life for Aotearoa.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all  
**Tell us why** Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below. **How important are these priorities to you?** **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

Fairly important

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

Very important

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

Fairly important

**Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice**

Fairly important

**Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Maintaining community facilities is the most important for me because they help support the aspirations of rangatahi,. These spaces are like a second home and are a place to build your whānau,

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Grants

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Cysts are few. Do not agree with intensification.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

To fund other events

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Happy with the bags ... makes you more responsible of waste.

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

More development required for Warkworth

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**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Horse riding facilities are lacking in Warkworth and Matakana. We need all weather options and safe trekking

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

generate money and I dont think it would put off any visitors

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays

## 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**

Fairly important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Fairly important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of

local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

It would be good if more events could be held there but I'm not sure what exactly you would be prioritizing it over

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Not about this plan but general feedback that the traffic from Albany to Silverdale is ridiculous and is getting worse. The rapid transport link that's been proposed would be great however since that won't be here for the next 10 - 30 years (if ever) can something else not be done? E.g using parts of the hard shoulder as a bus lane like how buses do when they just get over the bridge (Northcote) coming from the cbd heading North

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Although it explains everything as being done for the Auckland area, it is really for Auckland City, as many of the proposed changes or improvements don't apply to the outer regions.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Regarding the waste management proposal for Rodney; I can't be further from supporting this. Many properties in Rodney are rural where everyone had to engage private contractors to collect their rubbish. Our rubbish is collected once a month and our bin (240 ltr) is not even 30% full, we are looking after the environment by trying our best to not create rubbish, or reduce rubbish by re-using, composting and buying products which don't have wasteful packaging. If people are supposed to reduce rubbish, how will a weekly pre-paid rubbish bin help? Many people will say I have paid for it, so I fill it - that has nothing to do with caring for the environment and reducing landfill! There is no option to opt out of this. At the moment the contractors rubbish truck drives up our gravel road once a month, if this forced collection is introduced the trucks will drive up the road four times more, the impact this will have with fuel costs, emissions and residents having to deal

with even more dust than they already do is definitely not environmentally friendly and we have to pay for a service we do not want.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

### Rodney Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### Tell us why

Again it seems the priorities don't include the rural communities.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Support most

### Tell us why

I particularly support the major projects to construct Rosedale station, to improve public transport, to refurbish the Central Library and to deliver on the outcomes of the City Centre Masterplan. I do not support any reduction in funding, services, or hours of local libraries, as proposed by some local boards. Libraries and community centres are integral to quality of life for many Aucklanders

and should not be included in low priority lists. At the very least existing service levels for libraries should be retained.

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Support

### **Tell us why**

I would like the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival to continue to be held. The ability to hold major events and respond to the best ways in which to make Auckland a destination should be something that Auckland Council is supported to do by central government.

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### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

I support plans to improve services for all communities with better libraries, art and youth programmes. Supporting community groups, volunteers and mana whenua to improve work to protect and restore our environment is very important. These groups do so much good for the environment, so it is great that the local board has made this a priority.

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

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### Tell us why

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None

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Tell us why

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rural roads don't have kerbs or footpaths so having a lot of bins lined up along the road side will be a driving distraction.

## **Question 4:**

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#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Do not support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation. The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue. 'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned. This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants**

**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)**

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Western Springs Speedway should remain as an open wheel speedway. It has been a speedway since 1929. The speedway activities are enjoyed and well patronised by the wider and local community, offering family-based entertainment within our community. A March 2025 Westmere Community Facebook Page poll showed overwhelming majority of 63% wish to 'keep the current facilities for Ponsonby club, concerts & Speedway', with all other option receiving less than 17%. Drawing in over 100,000 spectators in a speedway season benefits the local community. Many local businesses are involved in speedway through advertising, employing participants and fans with some business owners also speedway car owners. Speedway at Western Springs is a multi-generational past time enjoyed by a wide variety of Aucklanders and attending races is traditional for many families. Flood resilience is important for this community. Keeping Western Springs as a Speedway is ideal as its situated on the flood plane where expensive infrastructure and buildings are vulnerable to flood damage. This community, Ward and Local Board should support the continuation of Speedway at Western Springs under reasonable operating conditions.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

**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)**

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)**

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I have serious concerns over the decision to consolidate Speedway from Western Springs to Waikaraka Park and am equally as concerned over open wheel speedways usage rights at Western Springs Stadium and Speedway. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. Tataki Auckland Unlimited and the Auckland Council should negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the car owners and drivers of the sport through the Western Springs Speedway Assn. to remain operational at the venue. Speedway should not be forced out of Western Springs and into Waikaraka as it will not fit. Speedway and Stock & Saloon car racing are not ideally compatible to share a venue, though forced to in smaller towns. There are health & safety concerns.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

You guys waste money on insane levels, all your doing is making it more expensive to stay in Auckland. stop passing the cost on, you should be a more efficient council.

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**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Very important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Need more parks for kid, particularly kumeu... Don't even get me started on the need for a high school there too. Waterways should be maintained alot more.

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No idea what's going on there, it's a rather confusing mess.

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Support most

### Tell us why

With all plans there needs to be compromise and this seems like a generally well thought out plan.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

#### **Tell us why**

Introducing this Levy does not incentivise people to stay. If the visitors are already paying a small fortune for the attraction, increasing the costs of the stay does not help - it already costs a fortune to stay anywhere in Auckland. I think you'll find less people would attend due to being out priced. It'll eventually kill off the major events within Auckland,

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Other

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The introduced rates are almost twice as much as what we pay for waste management currently. Lower the rate and we'd support it. If not, we are quite content with using a private company.

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**Tell us why**

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Ensuring the waterways and wetlands of this area are maintained and looked after will help the community in the long run. A well maintained area will help prevent unnecessary flooding in the future.

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.**

Less important

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**Tell us why**

Do not support most

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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#### **Local board priorities**

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The areas that we [Pt Wells CRA] would like support from the board are; 1. Maintenance of Seawall - Funding for ongoing maintenance of existing seawall assets, protection and erosion control. 2. Point Wells Hall & Emergency Hub – Funding for ongoing maintenance, backup power (generator), and Starlink internet to ensure communication, clean water, and safe facilities during outages for ours and close neighbouring communities. 3. Essential Community Services/Infrastructure Advocacy – Funding assessments and/or feasibility studies to strengthen future CAPEX funding bids for the toilets and amenities required as our community and demand of existing provisions grows.

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Support most

### Tell us why

1100 bus screens? Isn't this overreach? How many perps have attacked bus drivers. Surely a driver should be able to phone 111 and have police attend and arrest the perps? \$50 cap for public transport is good but ratepayers end up subsidising. Please STOP building speed humps. It

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Support

**Tell us why**

makes sense

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Support

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Over the years we have seen many systems. All costly. I will end up paying more as i only put a bag out every 3 week. But a bin is necessary in most areas because of the irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to wander and rip open bags.

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Very important

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Fairly important

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I'm a horse rider. So having places to go is vitally important. I don't road ride as there are too many nutbar drivers and I'm keen on being this side of the dirt for a wee while yet

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### **Tell us here**

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I don't know

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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I don't know

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Fairly important

**Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models**

I don't know

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I don't know

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I don't know

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I don't know

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Do not support most

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Fairly important

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Less important

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I don't know

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I don't know

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I don't know

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

You people don't deserve our support because you do NOT listen to what people are saying. This whole form is just a make us feel good and then more often than not you Shaft us by doing things against the vote. If you worked in the private sector you would be sacked.

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#### Tell us why

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Less important

##### Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

Very important

##### Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Fairly important

##### Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Humans are the real pests here.

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**Tell us here**

It's a bit boring this year, not much to comment on, I like Wayne and hope he stays on. Big ups to whoever wrote the content - understood almost all of it, until the questions which were a bit overcooked.



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Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Our household doesn't produce enough waste to benefit from this proposed change. I would rather pay as you throw, which encourages us to recycle and use the food scraps collection.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

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**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

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**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Organisation (if applicable): Gulf Harbour Yacht Club Inc.

Local Board: Rodney

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

#### Tell us why

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

As a Ward on Auckland's coastline, the annual plan should have objectives related to the protection and improvement of the coastline for the benefits of all. Environmental protection is certainly highlighted in Priority 3. However Priority 2 and/or 6 could be more positive about 'enhancing coastal facilities' for the benefit/enjoyment of the rapidly growing residential population in the Ward to enjoy all water based activities viz boating, sailing, fishing, swimming & beaches.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

It is important that we have a better transport network as the current system is antiquated and third world. We need to have much better infrastructure that is able to support communities. We need a fairer funding model that caters for those who don't live in a rich suburb and have access to all that is provided in urban areas. There are a lot of people who live in rural areas that pay very high rates

to pay for cycleways that will never benefit those in rural areas that don't even have basic services. Why should we pay for those who have access to lots of services when rural communities struggle to even have a street light or a footpath. the current model is broken and extremely unfair. Why should rural communities suffer at the hands of the rich who can afford to pay a lot more than they currently do.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

why should we subsidize tourists and people who attend events when rural communities have to put up with third world services

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

why are residents paying an additional fee in Rodney when we don't have roads that are able to cope with increased population growth. It is a third world when one of the fastest growing areas in the north west has to wait a minimum of 10 years to see any improvement to public transport and roading infrastructure. Kumeu is a classic example of an area of increased growth with a single lane road to service a population that is doubling every decade. I now spend over 3 hours travelling to my place of work, pay more rates and have a worst quality of living. We are treated like second class citizens but expected to pay more rates. Auckland is no longer a first world city and it treats its citizens like cash cows and not people who have to work harder to make ends meet. Why are developers given a free ride to make huge profits when the people who have lived in the area are expected to fund more and more and get less and less service. its a third world system that punishes working class people.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

### **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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#### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

most of what is proposed is not helping local residents, in fact we are getting punished for living in the area and the developers are able to build more houses increasing our travelling times and costs and yet they make huge profits and put nothing back into the community. The growth in Kumeu over the last 10 years has had a negative effect on local communities and we get one bus that does not even provide a decent efficient service. Its a disgrace and another example of a third world planning and non-existent public transport. Thousands spent on a railway station in Kumeu and Waimauku that people can't use its a disgrace.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

#### **Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

#### **Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Why spend money on arts and fluffy stuff when the public transport is inefficient. why do we need to spend money on mowing when the roads are third world. why dont you spend money on protecting the natural environment verese mowing and sparying that has no benefit to the majority of people who enjoy open spaces. The amonut of rubbish on riadsides and in parks is every increasing. Muriwai regional park has more rubbish than it ever had, whynot focus on those areasin most need verses wasting money on cycling when the roads are congested and third world? the priorities in this area dont recognise the needs to hard working people, only the rich have time to cycle when the poor sit in traffic for hours on roads that are barely more than horse tracks.... People need to get to work on time and not sit in traffic for 2-3 hours a day trying to get to work to make a living. the priorities are poorly planned out and those making decisions don't seem to have a grasp on reality. why spend money on cycle ways and horses when people can barely get around in a timely manner.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Spend peoples money wisely rather than waste it on pie in the sky projects such as cycleways to no where. People need to have efficient public transport roads that are able to cope with increasing population. Why are developers allowed to make huge profits when we dont have efficient public transport and a quality roading network. The population of Kumeu has tripled in size and we still have the same goat track to serve the area. People are not productive sitting in cars for hours on end whilst developers don't pay for any upgrades, and have a lavish lifestyle that benefits nobody

but those with money. The people of the north west deserve more than a third world public transport system and a roading network that is unable to service an ever increasing population. We have a train line that doesn't even service the community who paid for new platforms that are now gathering dust and growing weeds its a disgrace how rate payers are treated like cash cows and services are built for the rich to enjoy when we are lucky to even get a street light or a rubbish bin. We have more road side littering than ever and nobody seems to care about keeping our environment clean. Muriwai beach is now dirtier and has more rubbish than ever and services that are at best third world. Why are we treated like second class citizens and charge more in rates every year and receive less each year. Why do we pay for more cycleways and fluffy stuff when we don't have any regular roadside rubbish cleaning up and no penalties for those who continue to abuse the environment. The rich enjoy clean streets and dump their \*\*\*\*\* in rural areas its a third world system that the council is actively supporting.

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Tell us why

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**Tell us why**

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#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

##### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

#### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

##### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation. The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue. 'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned. This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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**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)**

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**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)**

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Western Springs Speedway should remain as an open wheel speedway. It has been a speedway since 1929. The speedway activities are enjoyed and well patronised by the wider and local community, offering family-based entertainment within our community. A March 2025 Westmere Community Facebook Page poll showed overwhelming majority of 63% wish to 'keep the current facilities for Ponsonby club, concerts & Speedway', with all other option receiving less than 17%. Drawing in over 100,000 spectators in a speedway season benefits the local community. Many local businesses are involved in speedway through advertising, employing participants and fans with some business owners also speedway car owners. Speedway at Western Springs is a multi-generational past time enjoyed by a wide variety of Aucklanders and attending races is traditional for many families. Flood resilience is important for this community. Keeping Western Springs as a Speedway is ideal as its situated on the flood plane where expensive infrastructure and buildings are vulnerable to flood damage. This community, Ward and Local Board should support the continuation of Speedway at Western Springs under reasonable operating conditions.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

**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)**

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)**

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### **Tell us here**

I have serious concerns over the decision to consolidate Speedway from Western Springs to Waikaraka Park and am equally as concerned over open wheel speedways usage rights at Western Springs Stadium and Speedway. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. Tataki Auckland Unlimited and the Auckland Council should negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the car owners and drivers of the sport through the Western Springs Speedway Assn. to remain operational at the venue. Speedway should not be forced out of Western Springs and into Waikaraka as it will not fit. Speedway and Stock & Saloon car racing are not ideally compatible to share a venue, though forced to in smaller towns. There are health & safety concerns.



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Tell us why

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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We in Rodney have been paying for our own bins and don't want to pay twice. Also we have our own compost bins so don't use your food scrap bins.

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## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

#### Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants

Fairly important

#### Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Fairly important

**Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets**

Less important

**Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models**

Fairly important

**Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives**

Fairly important

**Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)**

Very important

**Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour**

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Less important

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Less important

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Do not support

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*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

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### Tell us why

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

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**Tell us why**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

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.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

## **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation. The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue. 'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned. This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

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**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**

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Support most

### Tell us why

I don't support the bed tax

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

It is a deterrent for coming and it is not hospitality friendly

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Other

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The bins are a good idea. But they are expensive. They are also limited to what is acceptable recycling. Also food scraps and waste or organic matter is super important. There needs to be more work done on reducing the waste created both single use items, packaging and creating of waste. Providing bigger bins reduces little and provides more convenience to keep accumulating and not change habits. Reduce the bin size and penalise poor choices with additional chargeable volume bags.

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitematā

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

## Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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### Tell us why

Support most

### Tell us why

I feel they are a lame duck. They have no real teeth. It is a job in name only. They don't really represent because they don't count for anything other than outward consultation. Council uses these groups and wastes community time and exhausts the passion and feeling of the community by letting it sound off against a pointless structure. You are not honest with your creation or use of these structures.

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### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Very important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Councils are too focused on the beautiful and less focused on the business of utility and the ugly truth of hardship and need. Wants come last. Need should be all they think about for the people during this tough economic time. What really makes a difference.

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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community climate action and sustainability activities,Community programmes and services,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

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Less 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**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

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Support most

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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Rodney



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**Tell us why**

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Make the levy specific to the events themselves rather than broad tax on short term stays. In other words, user pays.

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Do not support

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Again, user pays is the fairer option.

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Do not support most

#### Tell us why

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Less important

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Purchasing bags is an incentive to reduce waste

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney



## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

For waste management: use more recycling and waste to energy incineration like the rest of the world do.



#7471



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

With the current living cost crisis house values and income raises did not increase with 5.8% on average and does not justify your increase. This increase will make the crisis worse.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

This levy will lead to a decrease in over night stays and therefore a decrease to spend in Auckland and business owners and restaurants will be impacted most.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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We stay rural in Rodney and do not receive any Auckland council services as we already have to pay for refuse collection with Econowaste, is dependant on water tanks as no infrastructure exist for water supply and use sewerage tanks again due to a lack of infrastructure. We cannot be expected to pay for services we do not receive.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

We've been waiting for years for Tender road, Dairy Flat to be sealed. Promises are yearly made but the priorities get changed. Can we get thus added to the budget and get it done please.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Less important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### **Tell us here**

I suggest Auckland council investigate different cost structures for rural living as we cannot be expected to carry the cost for services and infrastructure that does not exist for lifestyle property owners.



#7485



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Support most

### Tell us why

I still think there's too much whoo whoo stuff.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Other

**Tell us why**

Stop funding cultural rubbish and get events that have a broad appeal rather than a narrow cultural focus.

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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The orange rubbish bags work as users pay for the amount of each household rubbish. Why should I pay for a house of 10 people?

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Can we please get rid of Maori focused funding. Funding should be people focused, not race focused.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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Support most

### Tell us why

I would like to see absolutely more money spend on country wide cycling lanes so that visitors and New Zealanders can get around on bicycles without being dependend on cars or public transport. Please realise that most western countries support cycling lanes and they are heavily used by people who enjoy not only regular exercising but also help to reduce the insane traffic chaos

around cities. We live in the 21st century and really should have proper safe cycling lanes everywhere!

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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Support

### **Tell us why**

Overseas visitors in general need to contribute when arriving and travelling around country. For some reason that money needs to be distributed in a fair manner, too... for example Muriwai Beach has over 1 Miro visitors annually but we lack in proper infrastructure... no regional money spend on cycling lanes from Waimauku to Muriwai Beach... no proper bus connection to Muriwai... this is a tourist destination and we have nothing to offer.. our local café is still closed, due to 'stupid council bureaucracy'. Our local beautiful walk ways are still not open.... due to 'stupid, slow, malfunctioning' council bureaucracy! This needs to stop and made more efficient!

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

We already pay for recycling bin collection by council. Another bin added on is a good option but their cant be another rate on top of what we already pay!

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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### Rodney Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Communication is key! Council representatives need to engage more with locals. Number one priority is to make New Zealand a beautiful safe and healthy place. No tolerance for boy racers, violence, littering, abusing flora & fauna. Clamp down on noisy, dangerous drivers, drink drivers! Enhance cycling network, create more beautiful picnic areas recreational areas and stop converting beautiful rich fertile land into intense housing. Start building nice looking apartment blocks with green areas inbetween and underground parking! Start smart farming and look after our precious waterways... our country's waterways should be super clean but they are not! We have a small population but due to wrong farming practice our lakes and rivers and also beaches are full of toxins... this is shameful it gets only worse due to change of climate!

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**



#7507



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I do not support refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney. This is a blanket charge. Everyone is not the same or produces the same amount of rubbish. This is a money grab again. Fees for the super city amalgamation have not yet been reduced.

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

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Very important

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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#7578



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Organisation (if applicable): Green Road Park Supporters Incorporated Society

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney



## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

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**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Friends of Green Road Park Green Road Park Supporters Group is a newly formed community driven incorporated society with the following objectives: 1.) Support and advocate for development of Green Road Park as a publicly accessible open space. 2.) Help to conserve and enhance the park's natural, recreational, historic, and cultural features. 3.) Collaborate on restoring natural habitats around the park. 4.) Provide financial, material, and physical support for park-related work. As a group of volunteers, this year we have working on removing privet along the stream boundary at Green Road Park. We are helping with the Ccommunity planting day at Green Road in June this year. As a group we are coordinating our volunteer work with the Community Park Ranger, Dan Marrow. We ask the Local Board to please consider funding the following projects in upcoming Annual Budget. 1. Removal of the dead and falling down pine trees at Green Road Park. We consider these to be a major health and safety risk as many of them are very unstable. 2. Funding a Portaloo toilet until the toilets are built at the Green Road Park. Residents are spending along time exploring and enjoying Green Road Park however the park has no toilet facilities available to the public.



#7603



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Water is the most basic human need. We need clean water and protection from flooding. I would like to see community agencies such as Kumeu Art and libraries continue. These are safe spaces that need to remain free and accessible for the well-being and connectedness of people in our community

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I pay high rates in Muriwai for no transport or water. This is not fair! If I want the council to trim trees close to my home I have to organise this. It's just so unfair to be charged high rates with very little input.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I believe there is insufficient evidence to support the claim that climate change is primarily induced by human activities. Consequently, the proposed actions are unlikely to mitigate the effects of climate change effectively. Of greater concern is the Gene Technology Bill, which poses a significant risk to our natural and organic gene pool without stringent safeguards. It is imperative to

allocate at least \$30,000 to \$50,000 to ensure these measures are implemented with the utmost caution. Given these concerns, the Gene Technology Bill should not be passed in the first place.

## **Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Because implementing this levy requires a change in central government legislation.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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The primary concern is the absence of funds allocated for adequate safeguards in the Gene Technology Bill. If implemented without stringent precautions, it could pose significant threats to our environment, health, and potentially, humanity as a whole.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

There are many programmes targeted towards the youth in the community though different churches I feel. They are great already, so funds can be used to promote them more widely, but I don't see the need for developing any more. More areas for physical activities and having a swimming pool would be a priority, I would say.

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Support most

### Tell us why

We need a plan and we need to get back to basics.

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Support

**Tell us why**

To a certain extent I support a bed tax. I quite agree with hosting the type of events that you mention. However not everyone in Auckland at the time of event will be here for the event. How do you overcome that? I am totally opposed to ideological events like Pride Month and all that that entails and now we have a week in schools in June.

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Refuse targeted rate. No. User pays. Rates. Remove all the expenditure on Climate ideology. Remove consultation costs with Maori. Just making people angry, We all have rights to be consulted. No to congestion charges and no to paid parking.

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

### 4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Hibiscus and Bays,Rodney

## 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

Seem to be getting back to basics and listening to what the community is saying and wants.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

Very important

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

Fairly important

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

Fairly important

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

Fairly important

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

Less important

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Point 5 it is not climate change that is the issue. Climate always changes. It is the location of these facilities in the first place. Are they on a flood prone area? Have all necessary maintenance been done? etcetc.

### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

Yes

### **Tell us why**

It is the only stadium on the shore. Our population is growing. Who wants to travel over to Auckland all the time, especially if you bring in a congestion charge.?

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

### **Tell us why**

Although this is our local board we know little about the area as we are right on the boundary, and we frequent Hibiscus Board area.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Fairly important

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Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Less important

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Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

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3. Aren't mana whenua also volunteers? We are one!

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Get climate commitment out of it. It is a costly hoax. Stop all spending on climate change. Look at the real issue, unswept streets leading to blocked drains. Streams silting up. Developments in areas that flood. Houses built on the shore line. Storms do cause waves. Interesting how this is still prime real estate. Houses built on the edge of cliff tops. Developers persuading councils that the above scenarios are all risk free. Of course there are going to be more insurance claims. The density of housing has increased. This has nothing to do with climate change. Houses have gone from a utilitarian place to live to something with all the bells and whistles, which of course are going to increase costs for insurance purposes. Remove all DEI and get back to merit. Honour everyone. Remove Maori words from English documentation. English means English. This is pure tokenism. Provide a Maori version. Maori have proved they are quite capable. We are one. P11. \$16 million into Maori. How this is spent needs to be carefully considered. Why is one group of society being paid to give their opinion whilst the rest can have their say, at their cost and it may not even be considered? Surely we all live in New Zealand, all opinions matter, not some more equal than others. We are one people. We have elected out councillors, therefore no one group should have more say. The money and time spent on consulting because of race has to stop. No wonder things take longer and costs are high. Cannot look to other countries and say they build cheaper and quicker. Of course they do. They are not hamstrung by all the red tape and cultural conversations. Our young people. There are some great initiatives within the community. Many are not given a high profile. Keep all DEI out of our young people's lives and that includes our libraries. Protect our young people. Bed tax. Many countries have used this for years. Local rate and visitor rate. Rubbish. Pay as you throw is a much fairer system than a flat rate fee. Will not encourage to put out less waste. Could well encourage more waste. Needs to be collected weekly. Capped \$50 fare excellent idea. Improve feeder bus services. Direct bus between Orewa and Whangaparaoa. Reducing Corporate emissions, use public transport. Spin off effect could be

an improved service. Leave the stadiums alone. More important issues that that to spend our rates on. No to waterfront stadium. The city is already too cluttered. Put your effort into North Harbour stadium. Reserves and parks are essential everywhere. Essential as just a green space to being utilised for various activities. What is a vibrant and attractive town centre? I am very cautious about what this means in the current climate. I do not want rainbow crossings and the like anywhere. I do not want this culture forced upon me. Treat everyone with respect. They are entitled to their views.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

There is a statement at the start of the plan being that the plan aims to create a stunning natural environment – harbours, beaches, forests, maunga, islands, urban trees – that can be accessed and enjoyed by Aucklanders across the region yet Environmental management and protection is a

staggeringly low amount. Without substantially more and adequate funding then the fundamental tenet of the plan stated above cannot be achieved and so the whole the plan is flawed.

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Support

### **Tell us why**

Auckland Council should not be funding Major events as these should stand on their own merit not some hoped for benefit. Should Council still chose to support events then each event must tender for the limited funds available justifying their benefit to the wider community not just those that can afford to attend and local hospitality.

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The present pay as you go is much more cost effective than the proposed system. Rural areas are totally different in terms of waste than urban and one size doesn't fit all. It seems the refuse

targeted rate is not at all targeted to the customers, namely householders, and the existing system is much more user pays rather than non-user subsidize .

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

### **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Very important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Very important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Fairly important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Very important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Very important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Very important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

However the plan intent doesn't match the funding allocations by a country mile. Allocating only \$0.6M to all the environmental initiatives listed is way too low and needs to be closer to \$ 3M. The RLB relies heavily on local community groups to do volunteer free mahi across the region and gets a 1 in 7 payback. Yet the amount allocated in this plan is too little to support existing let alone newly forming groups and needs to be substantially increased. Otherwise the RLB will see volunteer numbers drop and there be a significant hit on future years costs for things like pest control, water

quality and other initiatives. There is an urgent need to invest in coastal community wastewater infrastructure as Watercare don't seem to be interested in small community schemes only urban areas. The EBoP Regional Council dealt with the coastal community wastewater decades ago . Why is Auckland Council and the RLB so far behind?

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

See previous comment. We have beautiful beaches and Hauraki Gulf and Kaipara Harbour which are getting wrecked through negligent environmental management. The key to a successful community is a clean and sustainable environment to live in. We are currently going backwards.....There needs to be higher priority on environmental protection.

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We need proper catchment management plans for the river catchments throughout the rohe in order to better manage land development and identify the most cost effective investments in the catchments to improve the environment. RLB needs to led an initiave to manage coastal community wastewater collection and treatment schemes to minimise beach closures.



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Support most

### Tell us why

basic infrastructure should the councils 1,2 and 3 priorities.

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Do not support

### **Tell us why**

This is a sensitive topic - our entertainment facilities are woeful - today, you vote on the stadium, and i strongly hope you vote yes to a new one - that is NOT eden park. the current stadiums in auckland really do a disservice to everybody, and a CBD based world class amenity is essential. If you do put in a decent stadium, then yes a bed tax will work - simply because the city will actually be worth visiting...

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good move, albeit rodny does not need a food scraps bin

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libraries are undergoing huge change - id be worried about over investing there...

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very limited voice - i have been heavily involved in community projects for many years but have given up as dealing with the council is a nightmare.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Most seem sensible, but some items are heavily Auckland city-centric and do not apply to rural areas or areas distant from the city.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Seems a good way to fund events that attract tourists, as long as the money is ploughed back in directly to the region. This proposal is in line with other major visitor destinations such as Edinburgh, Barcelona, and Venice.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**

The specific projects and activities seem positive, but it is not clear what, if anything, will be sacrificed.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I'm really disappointed about the decision to demolish Western Springs. It's been such an important part of the community for generations—hosting concerts and speedway events since 1929. It holds so many memories for people, including myself, especially from Saturday night speedway during my childhood. Residents in the area have always known the speedway was there

when they moved in, and it only runs during the summer months, so I don't see why it's become such a problem. On the other hand, we have a huge stadium like North Harbour Stadium, which is set up for football and even has a bus station right next to it, but it hardly ever seems to be used. I'd be really interested to know how much it costs ratepayers to maintain, especially since every time I pass by, it seems completely empty. Everyone I've talked to agrees that Western Springs should stay, and it's frustrating to feel like the council isn't listening to the people and rate payers of all of Auckland City. I'm not sure if saying this will make a difference, but I believe Western Springs is too valuable to lose, and I hope you'll reconsider this decision.

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**Question 4:**

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

None

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I think I laid it out in the first part pretty clearly!



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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney



## Rodney 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?

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

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Very important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

My priority relates to Green Rd Park. It is an invaluable asset which needs to be developed with sensitivity and long range planning. With the ever increasing loss of open spaces, farmland etc. to housing and development this is a real chance to create something very special for people not only in Rodney but those visiting from other area of NZ and beyond. For that reason I hope it is seen for

what it is, the last opportunity for open spaces in which people can enjoy nature. It needs to be kept as pristine as possible with little if any buildings etc to detract from what it currently is.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

I don't believe it will put visitors off, and I'm happy that it is universalised.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Our household generates very little waste and I don't accept that a general rate is fair.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Rodney



## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

#### Tell us why

I do want to say how much I appreciate the local library service. It is brilliant, and the events offered e.g. senior net are crucial.

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

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##### Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

Less important

##### Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Less important

##### Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I generally consider education is not worth investing in. I don't accept that it works.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

The potholes in Auckland has been frustrating and financially impacting rate payers. I don't approve of funding too many big events. We need further public transport in Kumeu, hellensville etc

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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**

Approve this as the people visiting will be part paying for the event they are attending

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

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Water charges are getting to high

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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Rodney

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I don't support all of the current land acquisitions. It's poor planning and impacts home owners too much.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Less important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Very important

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Less important

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Need trains out north west and more free parking for people to use busses and public transport.  
Rubbish bins and dog bins are missing. More rubbish is building up around the place



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Other

### Tell us why

Overseas students attending our universities and tourists should pay a levy.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I believe visitors would spend money while in Auckland which is already a monetary benefit, the added accommodation costs may deter.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

The waste management proposal does not take into consideration existing small refuse collection businesses that have been operating in the area for a very long time (30 yrs in our instance). We have been providing wheelie bins, urban and rural (taking rural rubbish that would have been destined for farm dumps). Your proposal has quite possibly ruined our business with no direct consultation. We have been paying a licence fee and/or bond for the duration of our operation, so we know you know we exist. Thank you for NOT supporting and infact ruining small business in small towns

**Question 4:****Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna,Rodney

**Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

**Tell us why**Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.**How important are these priorities to you?****Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**

**Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces**

Very important

**Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs**

Very important

**Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan**

**Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information**

**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)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in

higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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**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)**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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Fairly important

**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)

Priority 2: to promote play opportunities, I would like to see the following in Milldale: - Shade netting for the two playgrounds in Milldale. - A space for older kids to be able to hang out in Milldale - a skate or bike park, playground with obstacle courses for older kids. With seating and shading. - Sports courts (tennis/padel/badminton) in Milldale Priority 1: A Milldale community center where we can run creative workshops, youth programs, blood drives, wellness seminars, etc. Priority 3:

we need a bike lane from Milldale to HBC bus station. The safest way via John Fair drive is a very long way to something so close. Other: We need Improved road infrastructure in and around Milldale. The narrow roads and large traffic circles are problematic in the event of emergencies and can lead to accidents. The Professional Firefighters union recently highlighted this as a challenge when responding to fires in close-together subdivisions. If anything, it needs a review. The area needs either a 3rd lane on each side of the motorway between Silverdale and Albany or a bus lane to alleviate traffic pressure.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Very important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Very important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Very important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Fairly important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Fairly important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Fairly important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I think these priorities, in particular, help strengthen communities.

**Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Milldale—the largest subdivision in New Zealand—has not received its fair share of essential community funding. Despite a rapidly growing population, particularly of young families, several key infrastructure and amenity needs remain unaddressed. The following points outline areas that require urgent attention: **Fast-Tracking Waterloo Park:** The development of Waterloo Park must be accelerated. Given the high number of young children in Milldale, this park is essential. Delaying its construction by segmenting the work only prolongs the process and drives up costs. **Enhancing Play Opportunities:** There is a clear need for more play areas. Currently, the community lacks sufficient facilities to cater to the large number of children, which should be a priority for local planning. **Upgrading Existing Parks:** The parks on Archibald Drive and Ahutoetoe Road need significant improvements. Essential features such as shade structures, drinking fountains, toilets, and rubbish bins should be added to create a more welcoming and functional environment. **Retail Area Oversight:** The newly completed shops are missing basic amenities like rubbish bins, a crucial oversight that needs immediate correction. **Improving Road Safety:** The roundabout at the intersection of Archibald Drive and Dendro Ring Road poses a safety risk, with vehicles often cutting the corner improperly. This situation calls for redesigning or upgrading the roundabout to ensure better traffic flow and safety. **New Council Facilities:** With the ongoing influx of residents in Milldale and Millwater, the introduction of a council pool and leisure centre would serve the

community well, supplementing the current facilities available in Albany and Stanmore Bay. Initiating the Arterial Route: The arterial route between Sidwell Road and Maurice Kelly Road must commence without further delay. Years of postponement by Fulton Hogan Land Development now require the council's intervention to fast-track this critical project. Relying on Ahutoetoe Road as an arterial route is highly dangerous. This narrow road is designed solely for residential access and is not suitable for handling large traffic volumes, especially as the subdivision grows.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

Fairly important

**Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction**

Less important

**Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Fairly important

**Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not oppose Auckland Council's budget plan, but I have serious concerns about the inefficiency and wasteful spending of public funds. In particular, the way infrastructure projects—such as roadworks and water systems—are planned and executed is deeply flawed and excessively costly. The waste is not just in the actual construction expenses but, more alarmingly, in the endless cycle

of planning, scrapping, and replanning, which consumes enormous amounts of money without producing tangible results. It is unacceptable that such financial mismanagement continues without accountability. There must be a thorough review of the decision-making process, and those responsible for repeated failures should face consequences. Continuing to allow wasteful spending without oversight or corrective action is a disservice to the public, and it must be addressed immediately.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

### **Tell us why**

I strongly oppose the introduction of a short-term visitor levy on commercial accommodation to fund tourism management, marketing, and major events. First, such a levy unfairly targets a specific group—visitors who use commercial accommodations—while ignoring other tourists, such as those staying in private rentals or with friends and family. This creates an unequal burden and does not distribute costs fairly among all who benefit from Auckland's tourism industry. Second, adding extra charges to accommodation could make Auckland a less attractive destination, especially for budget-conscious travelers. This risks reducing overall visitor numbers, which could negatively impact local businesses that rely on tourism. Instead of imposing additional financial burdens, the council should focus on better managing existing tourism funds and exploring alternative revenue sources. Lastly, there is little transparency in how such levies are managed. Without clear accountability, there is a high risk of funds being misallocated, as has been seen in other areas of council spending. Before introducing any new tax, the council must first prove that it can efficiently and responsibly manage public funds.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I strongly believe that waste disposal costs should be based on the amount of waste each household generates. Imposing a flat Refuse Targeted Rate across all properties is unfair, as it does not account for individual waste production. Those who generate more waste should bear a higher financial responsibility, while those who actively minimize waste should not be penalized with the same fees as heavy waste producers. If the council is genuinely concerned about environmental impact, it should focus on addressing the root cause—corporate waste production. Companies that produce excessive plastic packaging and non-recyclable disposable products should be held accountable through higher taxes or levies. Shifting the financial burden onto individual households while ignoring the significant waste generated by corporations is neither fair nor effective. A more equitable and sustainable approach would be a pay-as-you-throw system, where waste disposal fees are directly tied to the amount of waste each household produces. This would encourage responsible waste management while ensuring that costs are distributed fairly.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Hibiscus and Bays, Rodney

**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)**

#### **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**

## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

For those who only own one home, the continuous increase in property taxes is very unreasonable.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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## **Rodney Local Board Priorities**

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Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Rodney



## Rodney Local Board Priorities

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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**

Very important

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Very important

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I would like to provide some feedback and suggestions regarding the traffic situation at the intersection of Dairy Flat Highway and The Avenue. Specifically, during the morning peak hours from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM, vehicles traveling from GAS Albany Heights to The Avenue often experience traffic congestion lasting up to 30 minutes. One of the main reasons for this is that vehicles merging onto Dairy Flat Highway and those already on the main road engage in mutual yielding, significantly reducing traffic flow efficiency. When traffic volume is low, vehicles can move smoothly. However, when it reaches a certain level—especially during peak hours—mutual yielding between merging and main-road vehicles leads to unnecessary delays. These delays accumulate over time, worsening congestion, particularly affecting traffic along The Avenue. As long as you pass this intersection, there is no congestion ahead, so the problem lies here. Proposed Solutions: Install traffic signals at the intersection of The Avenue and Dairy Flat Highway: Traffic signals would help eliminate delays caused by mutual yielding. By controlling the flow of vehicles, they can improve efficiency while ensuring safety. Optimize traffic management for Dairy Flat Highway and The Avenue: During peak hours, traffic signals would regulate the order of merging and main-road traffic, preventing hesitation among drivers and reducing congestion. Clearly defined signal-controlled merging would eliminate uncertainty and minimize delays. Improve traffic flow along The Avenue: Traffic congestion on The Avenue is significantly affected by merging vehicles, particularly when Dairy Flat Highway's traffic volume fluctuates. Additional signals would balance traffic distribution, preventing congestion from spreading to The Avenue. Enhance road safety: Installing traffic signals would not only improve traffic efficiency but also reduce the risk of accidents caused by frequent stops and hesitation during merging. During high-traffic periods, signals would guide vehicle movement in a safer and more predictable manner, benefiting both drivers and pedestrians. I firmly believe that implementing these improvements would greatly enhance traffic conditions at the Dairy Flat Highway and The Avenue intersection, alleviate severe congestion during peak hours, and improve both road efficiency and safety. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and further discussion.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland is already expensive to visit and adding more charges would be a barrier to attracting tourists to New Zealand.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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I don't know

#### Tell us why

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I think instead of transport government should put the funding towards housing

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Franklin and Rodney can afford the price raise

### **Question 4:**

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Support most

### Tell us why

I think that most people are financially struggling due to many job losses and inflation so anything that helps provide for local communities is good.

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Do not support

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It is unfair to have people pay extra costs for rubbish collection+ adds extra financial pressure to these people.

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Kia Ora I would like to see more funding allocated to pest control in the Rodney local board area. I am currently involved with a local community pest control team- Pest Free Snells Beach. we are also affiliated with Restore Rodney East inc. One of the biggest challenges we face is getting traps funded or provided. We have several projects and programs planned in detail for 2025/2026 to improve and significantly increase pest control in Mahurangi East. However we are struggling to

get enough traps. We will also need assistance with funding for promotional activities and material to engage the local community in supporting our projects. Apart from more traps we also need more community volunteers to be involved in servicing the new traplines and poison bait stations. Hence the need to have promotional activities and material needed to attract and engage local volunteers. So in summary more funding for pest control is needed. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed annual plan.

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Footpaths in poor condition for mobility scooters Disabled access

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us why**

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Other

### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

3. The proposal to locate the new landfill in the Dome Valley should be rescinded as it is entirely opposed to the Council's Waste Minimisation Strategy and Energy Reduction Strategy.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

1. There is no real coordinated Plan for such growth areas despite the creation of the Auckland Strategy and the Unitary Plan. The provision for such growth is distinctly lacking, as is being witnessed with the development of Kumeu being totally misplanned, and the proposed Private Plan Changes in the Warkworth district being heavily promoted by developers ahead of the planned provision of basic infrastructure and adequate roading and transport links. There is an urgent need

for more coordination in preparing a real Planning Strategy that takes into account the implications of proposed growth. The character of Warkworth as an attractive service centre will be significantly altered which is not supported by the local community. 2. Funds need to be made available in this financial year for preparation of a Growth Strategy for Warkworth district (including the outlying centres) with special attention given to the town centre revitalisation and development opportunities. The Warkworth Area Liaison Group (WALG) and One Mahurangi have been promoting such a Study and have already commenced getting experts and groups together to present such a Strategy to the Board and Council. 3. The Town Centre needs more than the present Town Centre Plan which focussed on environmental improvements but did not consider the development opportunities and needs. The Centre is already suffering from competition from the outlying big box retail centres. It needs to become more attractive to consumers and visitors. There are already parking issues in the centre as it currently operates. Planned growth will increase the population around 3 times. Unless opportunities to create more well located parking, residential and hotel accommodation, enhancement of the riverside and community facilities within the centre, it will be unsustainable. 4. There are development opportunities for more centrally located parking away from Queen Street to make it a more attractive pedestrian focused area. The enhancement of the riverside area by Wharf Street will require the removal of that parking which would be compensated by such new parking areas (and possible building. The riverside area is a key to encouraging more visitors and benefitting this core retail area. 5. The Board needs to plan for improved community and recreational facilities now in advance of the planned growth and increase in demand. Whilst there will be a big increase in population, it is likely to occur over a longer time frame than some developers are proposing. Nevertheless those projects need to be included in a planned time framework. 6. The local roading network needs to be significantly improved at present and will definitely be required in advance of the new residential, commercial and industrial developments. The Board has to promote an immediate improvement to the Hill Street intersection, which is still unsatisfactory as movements are still dangerous and confusing. Such improvements need to reduce the number of through movements and changes to rights of way. With the changes resulting from the motorway extension, traffic from the north could be redirected into the centre using the Twin Coast Discovery Highway intersection for easier access into the centre and parking areas. 7. I fully support promoting more recreational activity, especially for walking and cycling. This will enhance the existing population and provide for future residents. 8. There is a real need to provide more funding for road maintenance (especially the rural unsealed roads) using new and well-tried techniques. The Board should make more use of local contractors who can provide more efficient and cost effective work.

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1. Rodney is the largest area in Auckland City. Whilst it is primarily rural in area, it has some significant growth areas in the Kumeu and Warkworth sector, which will require substantial spending on infrastructure – services, roading and public transport. 2. The Rodney community has for too long suffered from a lack of funding for many facilities and infrastructure – hence the

long held desire to leave Auckland City. There needs to be more priority givn to projects in Rodney, such as rural road sealing, health, education, recreation and community facilities.



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- I see the top needs as providing educational and recreational opportunities for families and older people- often short of money and need local opportunities (eg. support, enhance our v good library, art centre...) - One-off that add to city life: eg. Henley House purchase for museum - maintenance weather events show up lack of regular attention to drainage etc... keep the parks e.g Parakai that have been upgraded in good condition

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Fairly important

**Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations**

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##### **Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Undertaking pest control reduces overall maintenance costs. Investing in compliance reduces repair costs and knock on environmental effects we need better rural pedestrian connections in Karkapakapa. We need to support enabling community to allow kiwi to migrate through Rodney

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**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Fairly important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

(4) I feel that it most important to maintain what we've got before starting new projects (3)

Community groups are the backbone of our communities and deserve all the support available

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Less important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

AT - Road - more maintenance of roads

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

- Libraries- very important - Rates kept down - not going up

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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- Spend more on unblocking the water ways - keeping water ways clear - flooding

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

##### **Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.**

Less important

##### **Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding**

Fairly important

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Fairly important

##### **Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

Fairly important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

- Warkworth library/community Centre - overdue for updating ( so many fabulous welcoming libraries around AK now) - Public swimming pool? - Or a programme for access to school pools- with council funding to upgrade and maintain. There is a fast growing young and ageing population
- keep us safe and healthy - long term secure asset management plan?

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I don't know

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A park and community area with walking tracks would do really well in Wellsford. Public transport to Auckland, or more bus stops through Wellsford not just main road.

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Green Road reserve needs to have branches and dead pinetrees removed for the safety of the public and animals. The land on the reserve has only been suitable for sheep, however if there was to be younger cattle on the reserve it would reduce the hoof prints and less chance of anybody injuring themselves. To reduce the speed along Green Road and suggestion is to have judder bars either side of the entrance way into the park.

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Pest control is very important

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Green Road Park toilet a priority

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#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Toilet for Green Road Reserve. Congestion on Albany Hill. Remove 'old' pines Green Road Reserve. Pedestrian crossing Coatesville. Slowing measures for Coatesville control. Pest control Green Road Reserve.

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Less important

#### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Milldale has a very high percentage of youth in its population and needs good youth programmes to support them. More parks and reserves are needed to support the youth programmes. Milldale has kerbside water gardens and pedestrian/cycleways which do not seem to get the maintenance requirements they need. As a cyclist I support more bike trails. Priority 6 ties in with what I said above about more parks and reserves needed.

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Organisation (if applicable): Snells Beach Residents & Ratepayers Association

Local Board: Rodney

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Fairly important

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Less important

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Very important

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25 March 2025

To Whom It May Concern

**Rodney Local Board Annual Plan**

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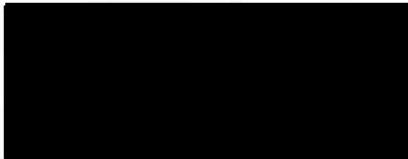
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Chair

Snells Beach Resident's & Ratepayers Association



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Organisation (if applicable): Pest Free Coatesville

Local Board: Rodney

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**PEST FREE  
COATESVILLE****Application for funding to support an extensive AI trapping network at key locations throughout the Rodney district****Request:**

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**Background:**

- Pest Free Coatesville is a charitable trust that has been operating successfully since incorporation in 2018
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- Pest Free Coatesville is currently in discussion with NZ Auto Traps to establish an AI trapping network using the new AT520AI trap. Optimum target for the network is 300 traps with Stage 1 being the minimum coverage at 150 traps. We are planning to achieve the 300-trap target over the next 2 years
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- Accurate monitoring of the presence of pests and the success of the trap is received daily
- There is a number of key advantages to the AI trapping network...the accurate removal of pests, the resulting revegetation of significant

ecological areas, the accurate and simplified reporting process using the data provided and the intensive trapping and monitoring support needed to establish a successful bird sanctuary at Green Park

**Location:**

- The AI trapping network will be established through ecologically defined predicted pathways of kiwi travel as they move south. A centralised high point will stabilise the network and has been tentatively identified in Kennedy Road. Strategic positioning will reach out from this point and will include Kaukapakapa (where kiwi have recently been confirmed) and expand down through Diary Flat, Albany Reserve into reaches of UWEN and into Coatesville. A significant focus for PFC is the new Green Park development where we are planning to establish a bird sanctuary for the benefit of all community members. The AI trapping network will play an extremely important role in ensuring we extensively trap this area with a real expectation of getting kiwi into the sanctuary.
- As we build our network to reach the planned level of 300 AI traps the depth of AI will build to incorporate a greater area of UWEN and into Kumeu/Huapai.
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**Process:**

- PFC will support surrounding pest free groups with an AI trapping network by taking responsibility for the minimum order of AI traps (75) and the establishment of the relays and Gateway to support them.
- Surrounding groups will be able to purchase the AI traps individually and add them to the network as funding becomes available
- An outline of strategic positioning for the AI traps has been outlined (see attachment) and we have the flexibility to expand both north and south using the minimum 150 trap set up
- We will be able to monitor the network by using 3 connected operators who will communicate actions to the groups where trapping information is derived, enabling them to take immediate specific action.

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**Funding:**

To establish the most effective minimum trapping project, 150 AT220AI traps will be required. To establish the optimum trapping project within the region, 300 AT220AI traps will be required. To establish the optimum network, we have given ourselves 2 years to make grant applications, acquire sponsorship and undertake a fundraising programme.

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To establish an effective AI trapping network, we require 150 AI traps. Costs are as follows:

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Relay set up \$4186

Total cost of establishment \$167,026

Pest Free Coatesville through the transfer of prior funding, sponsorship and fundraising is able to invest \$92,026.

**We respectfully request the Board match the trap purchase funded by PFC at \$75,000.**

Kind regards



**Coordinator**

**Pest Free Coatesville**





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,From [REDACTED] - Warkworth Area Liaison Group - Town Planner

To [akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

Subject – Submission to the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026

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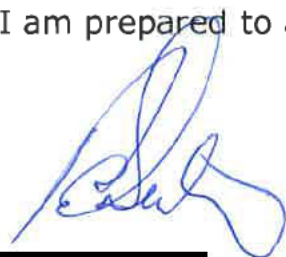
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I am prepared to attend a discussion process.



Warkworth Laison Area Group

Ph. [REDACTED]  
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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

#### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

*Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.*

#### **3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

##### **4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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?

#### 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)

Incredible work put into the plan for our great district of Rodney so first up thank you. Rodney District holds one of the highest Horse Riders in NZ. Please care for and grant access to the equestrian community in their local areas. I'm writing particularly for Matakana. 1. Please allow the local bike and walking paths between certain (non peak) hours as bridleways and look for new local paths that are suitable. 2. The Jubilee Park was gifted and leased to the Matakana Pony

Club and is already a shared space. This lease is now under threat from just a few locals who are desperate to control this small piece of green space that is left in the village. It has a wonderful history and support with the community and they love seeing the horses as we are still largely a rural community. Please continue to support this green space for the Matakana Pony Club.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

### **Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

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Organisation (if applicable):

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## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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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?

I don't know

### Tell us why

Transport isn't an issue here so am unsure

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Doesn't affect me so I am unsure

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

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**Tell us here**



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Support all

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Less important

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Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

**Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs**

Very important

**Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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