



Annual Plan 2025/2026

Written Feedback
Waiheke Local Board

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We have dangerous roads. Burrell road has two nice walking tracks that are used by lots of people. The roads are however very dangerous to drive on coming up with sharp drop-offs after the council dug ditches deeper after the 2017 floods. This is very scary for new drivers (i have a daughter learning to drive) and cars have been badly damaged. How long before someone is

killed? The roads should be widened by creating a dish drain or path at road height right across the road and along Burrell road so that walkers are safer. One woman who walks here daily is i believe in her nineties and has no footpath. Local board should lobby auckland transport to bring this road up to standard of many in Auckland and create teh safe walking loop around Matenga Point up the track and down to Tawa Street or Little O

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Auckland does not need marketing to bring people to Waiheke. It fills but does need competitive ferries. Our roads need a plan to be as good as good as Auckland. A bed tax on event nights is fair - e.g. Bledisloe. How about actually capturing a visitor fee from Fullers. The are hugely expensive \$5 per short term visitor would do a lot for Waiheke infrastructure that they dont pay for but use.

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Our rates are extremely high when you consider the tax on value. It costs more to build and Waiheke and Rakino island residents have no sewage or water. This is the double whammy for your families trying to get into housing - an extra 50k for water and septic plus an extra cost to build on Waiheke all of which is factored into rateable value. The next generation can afford that. Waiheke needs a rating discount model given the comparison in roads, paths, and water/sewage infrastructure.

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That public transport need to be improved is obvious, any new road is a waste. Water has been an issue that needs to be fixed, both supply and waste water infrastructure. Although knowing that the above will cost money and that previous councils have sold assets, I have seen too many pensioners getting into trouble as they could not pay their rates. The super city was promising to save money,

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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

Rip off , NZ is already too expensive

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

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Less important

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Very important

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Less important

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You won't do anything with the data collected , waste of time and money

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

Yes

Tell us why

It's been too long of a process getting the pool

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The overall spend is above what the city can afford, particularly with regards to transport. Rates increases are unsustainable both for residential and commercial properties - commercial rate increases are ultimately passed on to consumers.

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The proposed rate increases are unsustainable, particularly in areas where little services are provided for. We live on Waiheke Island where we provide our own water, water treatment etc. The only visible service we get to our property is a packet of rubbish bags each year yet we are valued the same as someone who lives in the central city with far more services and density.

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Tell us why

There is already a pool at the school which can be used by the population and we are surrounded by great beaches and ocean. This will be an expensive project to create and expensive to maintain for a small user base.

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Tell us why

Most Aucklanders don't benefit from visitors directly, but pay for the services visitors require. Visitors should contribute to the overall benefit, rather than only to the individual profit of operators.

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I have my doubts about the swimming pool (initial and long term costs). Could there be done more with the school pool.

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No

Tell us why

I am not convinced that a pool is affordable for a small community like ours

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Do not support

Tell us why

I do not support this. I run a lodge on Waiheke island and the exorbitant rates we currently pay almost make our business untenable. What is the result we have seen over the last year as a result of this extra investment in tourism? A 30% decrease in our total stays. All this levy does is punish the small businesses owners that are running short term accomodation whilst probably absolutely no value. Please abolish this proposal now.

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Tell us why

There is a lot of use of words like supporting , Boosting, progress, work with, continue work, collaborate etc For instance, Implement fairer funding for local boards, Who decides fair, how much fairer, just a wee bit maybe? . It implies it hasn't been, or is still unfair, which means people should not be in a job. You can not agree or disagree with something that is not specific. It

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Do not support

Tell us why

If these things cost the ratepayer, and cant even break even, then you don't do it, simple. Have whatever events you want but at a bare minimum they shouldn't cost ratepayers a cent. I dont pay an ever increasing amount of rates so others, including non rate paying people can enjoy themselves. As for making it more expensive for visitors, common sense would say your going to decrease visitor numbers to some degree, which will obviously make the people of Auckland poorer.

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Whatever waste system is used should be equal for all, support actual needs and done as cost effectively as possible. All I know is at the moment when its costs \$130 to dump a trailer load of rubbish, there is no surprise it gets dumped in valleys off the side of the road which costs how much per year which ratepayers have to pay, so I'm effectively being charged twice.

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

We are already paying too much for just the core necessities. What percentage of Waiheke rates are actually spent here. When I'm spending nearly \$9k a year and in reality get my rubbish taken, and potholes occasionally fixed, the berms mowed and sprayed (which I think is unnecessary anyway in our area, I feel I'm being ripped off. Why should person A pay a vastly different amount to person B for the same things, its just wrong.

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

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Tell us why

We are too poor, also we are surrounded by perfect beaches.

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Support

Tell us why

other cities overseas do this so tourists so it will be familiar to many tourists. Tourism takes a heavy toll on our infrastructure including transport, roads, water and rubbish removal. I live on in a high tourism area, Waiheke Island, and currently my rates pay for things like removing the rubbish tourists leave behind and repairing the roads damaged by double decker buses.

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Forget the research we are all tired of being asked questions when no one listen to our answers

Please do not increase the rent on community owned buildings

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

We have been waiting and fundraising for a swimming pool for many years. For safety, health and recreational purposes we need an indoor pool on the island. There is an ideal location at the Waiheke sports park which already has some facilities and infrastructure in place. Both the Community Board and Auckland City Council have held up this development for too long. Get on with it!

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Tell us why

Provided a timeframe for completion and location and details are provided I think locals would be happy to pay a little extra for a pool. A tourist tax would also help!

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Less important

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Less important

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

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)

Council workers spend a lot of time pretting up the island right next to invasive weeds. A majority of dividers get on the fullers bus and go straight to a winery then go straight back to the ferry pointless tarting up ostend and oneroa

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Yes

Tell us why

Good for the kids

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Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland is currently a very unattractive city. Council should focus on cleaning it up, literally and figuratively, before trying to encourage visitors. It's a cheek to think of imposing this tax on what has become a rubbish destination. The CBD is an embarrassment. Made silly by Auckland Transport with amateurish concrete blocks and artificial grass. It is grubby and unsafe. Clean it up! Britomart Square is also lack lustre and amateurish. A bed tax would be yet another reason for visitors to go elsewhere

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Tell us why

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I don't know enough about how this could work

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Tell us why

The first two points are two high level - what do they entail exactly? I'm fine with the third point. I don't know about Rakino Hall, I don't live on Rakino Is.. There is a pool at Te Huruhi primary school that we can all use in summer. Rather than developing a new pool at massive cost for all of us we can improve on the one at Te Huruhi so that children can use it throughout the year. Ostend and Oneroa villages do not need revitalising, they are pretty functional and lively as they are, but what needs to be done is to pedestrianise the main streets: Ostend Rd for Ostend and Ocean View Rd for Oneroa. We also need separated cycleways throughout the island as there are now many cyclists, locals and visitors.

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

Regarding item #6. I don't see that Ostend and Oneroa villages centres need to be revitalised. They however certainly need to be turned into pedestrian areas. There are far too many cars, clogging up the streets.

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Tell us why

I do not support the development of a community pool.

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I do not support CCO reforms. I do not believe that transferring Auckland Transport and Eke Panuku functions to the Council will improve anything, quite the contrary. In recent years there has been a huge improvement in public transport in the Auckland region, but the Mayor not only does not acknowledge these improvements but he keeps heaping negative criticism on AT - why? Auckland Transport and Eke Panuku in particular have done fantastic work and it seems that CCO reforms are nothing more than a cost cutting exercise from the Council that will only undo all past achievements in public transport and urban regeneration.

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Support most

Tell us why

I support the 3 priorities but hope that they're not at the expense of continued development of the waterfront. And, please, no stadiums on the waterfront.

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Support

Tell us why

Because rates are not an appropriate source of such funding.

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Support

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This is an opportunity to oblige consumers to improve the way they sort and manage waste responsibly.

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

In these past 10 years as an owner resident on Waiheke, we see the deterioration both in the environment and in council operation services as palpable. If Waiheke continues to be treated as a

tourism money-spinner for Auckland Council rather than as a home for its 10,000 residents (i.e., a suburb), then much more attention needs to be paid to the environment and its maintenance. The Library is the sole amenity that can hold its head up.

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Tell us why

Because Waiheke has numerous all-weather, all season swimming beaches.

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Do not support

Tell us why

It is a very retrograde and unfriendly signal to prospective visitors who the Auckland economy badly needs more of. Our accommodation and hospitality sector has been through very hard times since 2020 and knee capping it like this would be foolish and irresponsible.

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Support most

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Tell us why

Everyone who comes to waiheke and is not a resident should be charged a levy, get fullers to collect it !!! thousands of day trippers use our toilets and our infrastructure (buses bikes cars) Why levy Air Bnb ? More bureaucracy collecting. Use 3 companies to collect the lot, easy, use the residents cards to omit.

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I am laughing !!!! you guys are unbelievable , Take a look at your own dysfunction, indecision and lack of progress , . You must be embarrassed surely , how many years now ?

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support most as the plan has good intentions but I am curious whether the reality will match up .

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Other

Tell us why

I would be interested to see where this has been applied in other areas/countries and the impact it has had on tourism. As a Waiheke resident this could have some interesting impacts 1. will it impact tourism - As Waiheke relies on tourism for a great portion of income this could be concerning. 2. will it have any impact on the availability of accommodation on Waiheke i.e. if it does impact on short term visitors would this mean that more accommodation could be returned to the long term rental market

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Support

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Very important

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Less important

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

Number 7 - I am not sure this is a good use of funds . There are numerous community organisations / associations which can provide this kind of information rather than a survey.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I am a swimmer and a pool would be great for me , but our rates are already high considering the added costs that we have to bear living on an Island. I am not sure with the current state of the economy that people could afford this

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Minimizing fossil fuel consumption, protecting the Hauraki Gulf marine life and promoting affordable housing for all are my priorities.

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Other

Tell us why

I want government to prioritize affordable long-term housing instead of short-term tourist rentals.

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Regarding Rodney and Franklin, it should be up to those ratepayers to decide. I live on Waiheke. We have septic systems and rainwater catchment, yet pay the same rates as other Auckland suburbs. How does this serve us?

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Support most

Tell us why

The proposals are vague. I would support more robust interest in advocating for a true marine reserve around Waiheke and the Hauraki Gulf, to allow some restoration of our struggling kai moana species. I would support efforts to mitigate impacts of tourism on our environment. I would support efforts to decrease legislation favoring AirBnB short-term rentals and put work into legislation that supports long-term affordable rentals for low and middle-income residents.

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

Sports will always get support, but are not important to me. What you mean by #7 is unclear, A couple of years ago Robin Kearns and Pam Oliver ran a study of opinions on tourism and its impact for the motu. It generated interesting data. What happened to it?

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Tell us why

Austerity. There are more important issues needing public funding.

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Tell us why

A rate may help. The current rates should be enough though. Look at Stratford, a council of about 9000 residents and their new pool in the last couple of years. It would be a valuable facility for the residents

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Do not support most

Tell us why

While the plan emphasises strengthening Auckland's financial and physical resilience, it continues to ignore Waiheke Island's unique circumstances and needs. As an island community, we face substantially higher infrastructure costs (approximately 30% higher) and have no ability to access neighbouring facilities as mainland boards do. Despite contributing millions in rates revenue, the

vast majority of these funds support mainland amenities that Waiheke residents can only access via expensive ferry trips. The 'fairer funding for local communities' mentioned in the plan does not adequately address this fundamental inequity where Waiheke effectively subsidises facilities we rarely use. Additionally, Auckland Council actively promotes Waiheke as a tourist destination while failing to provide proportionate support for the resulting infrastructure demands. The proposed capital and operational expenditure for Waiheke (\$3.2m and \$7.6m respectively) remains insufficient given our unique challenges. Any truly fair funding model must acknowledge the geographic reality of island communities, our limited access to the amenities our rates help fund, and the disproportionate tourism impact we manage with minimal support.

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Support

Tell us why

The proposed 2.5-3% levy on short-stay accommodation is a reasonable mechanism to ensure visitors contribute to the infrastructure they use. However, it's crucial that a fair portion of these funds be returned to the local communities most impacted by tourism. Waiheke receives hundreds of thousands of visitors annually, yet our Local Board lacks sufficient funding to provide even basic visitor amenities. If Auckland Council intends to continue promoting Waiheke as a tourist destination, it must allocate a proportionate share of this visitor levy to support the island's infrastructure needs. This is not only fair but essential for sustainable tourism management. Without this dedicated funding stream, the infrastructure burden of increasing visitor numbers will continue to fall disproportionately on local ratepayers, creating an unsustainable situation.

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While standardising waste management services across Auckland makes sense in principle, I'm concerned about how Auckland Council's revaluation process impacts Waiheke ratepayers. Property values on Waiheke have increased dramatically, which translates to higher rates without corresponding improvements in services. Waiheke ratepayers face a significant disconnect between rates paid and services received compared to mainland areas. We don't have the same access to the facilities and infrastructure our rates fund without paying substantial ferry costs. The current rating methodology doesn't account for this inequity. Additionally, services on Waiheke often cost more to deliver due to our island location, yet this isn't adequately addressed in the funding model. Council should consider a geographical adjustment factor for properties on Waiheke to recognise the limited accessibility to council-funded amenities that mainland ratepayers take for granted.

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

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

Core council services and environmental protection must be prioritised as they form the foundation of our community's wellbeing. The community swimming pool represents a critical equity issue - Waiheke ratepayers contribute to mainland pools we rarely access due to ferry costs, yet we lack our own facility. Village centre revitalisation is essential for both residents and our visitor economy, which Auckland Council actively promotes while providing insufficient infrastructure support. While the capital projects and sports park developments have merit, they should be viewed as complementary to these fundamental priorities. The research component will help quantify our unique challenges and build the case for more equitable funding that recognises Waiheke's isolation from mainland amenities our rates help fund. Any prioritisation must address the fundamental inequity where Waiheke effectively subsidises Auckland facilities that require expensive ferry trips to access. True fairness requires acknowledging our island's unique circumstances and costs

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

No

Tell us why

No. The suggestion of a targeted rate for Waiheke residents to fund a community pool fundamentally misunderstands the equity issues at play. Waiheke ratepayers already contribute significantly to Auckland Council's coffers, with our rates helping fund numerous pools across the region that we can only access by paying substantial ferry costs. We generate far more in rates revenue than we receive back in services and infrastructure. Adding an additional targeted rate would compound this inequity rather than address it. The appropriate solution is to allocate a fair portion of our existing rates contribution toward essential community facilities like a pool. Rather than asking Waiheke residents to pay extra, Council should recognise that equity requires acknowledging our isolation from mainland facilities and ensuring we receive comparable amenities without additional financial burden. The development of a community pool should be funded from our existing rates contribution, not through yet another charge on island residents.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

The 5.8% rates increase seems high, particularly in a period of economic recession when many households are facing major financial constraints. It feels like a time to minimise or cut all non-essential spending, so that we can reduce or eliminate rate increases as much as possible. When I look at some of the investments mentioned in the plan, it feels like there are a mix of 'essential' and

'nice-to-have' proposals and I wonder what would happen if we cut the 'nice-to-haves.' For example, do we really need to increase sport field capacity across all of Auckland (listed as a major project so I assume this is a big budget item)?

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I don't know

Tell us why

I would want to further understand (a) the downside risks of introducing this levy, and (b) what some alternatives are, as it's hard to believe that a bed night visitor levy is the one & only solution for the problem described. Is it also possible to reduce council fees involved in the creation & implementation of events in Auckland?? Over the years, I've seen many smaller events have to shut down due largely to significant increases in council-related costs and requirements that I have a lot of questions about. (e.g. The Dual - no longer able to afford the costs of operating that beautiful annual race, same with Wharf to Wharf on Waiheke island, etc). Before we look at new ways of raising revenue to cover the costs of Auckland area events, I wonder if we could take a closer look at council requirements and costs involved in meeting those requirements, as another possible solution.

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Waiheke, Waitematā

Waiheke 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

Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library - SUPPORT. These ongoing services are much appreciated. Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience - MORE INFO NEEDED - would help to better understand the nature of the programmes in mind. These two objectives also seem quite distinct. Certainly there are things that could happen that serve both objectives (e.g. organising community planting days or community beach/road clean-up days etc) -- but there's such a wide range of activities that could serve these objectives and some would have much greater ROI than others. Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan - SUPPORT Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall - DO NOT SUPPORT - I'm not sure I understand the prioritisation of these capital projects when there are so many other capital projects that would serve much greater numbers of residents & guests to the island. (e.g. Fixing potholes. Paving more of the loop road around Man O'War. Completing bike lanes on both sides of the road on the main route between Oneroa & Onetangi given the increasing number of cyclists on the island. Expanding bus routes. Etc). Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate - SUPPORT Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres - DO NOT SUPPORT - again I don't understand the prioritisation of this over other investments at this time (particularly Oneroa which has already had so much investment). Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu - SUPPORT - think this would inform prioritisation and resource allocation choices more strategically moving forward.

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

Does the Rakino Hall replacement refer to the hall on Rakino Island?? If so, I'm so confused as to why Waiheke residents are responsible for paying for this (and do not feel comfortable supporting that...).

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Yes

Tell us why

As far as I am aware, almost every Aucklanders on the mainland has reasonable access to a rates-supported community pool. This is so helpful for facilitating health, fitness, and community building - particularly in wintertime when it's riskier & less possible to swim regularly in our local beaches, and particularly for older residents and any residents who are dealing with injuries that make it

difficult to run, cycle, walk etc on land. The access & availability to the Waiheke high school pool is quite limited, and reasonably so. More than any other proposed investment currently mentioned in the annual plan, I personally would be really excited to see us finally invest in a community pool as a resource for our growing island population.

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

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

Tell us why**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

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

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

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)

Community development and support activities,Local events,Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support

Tell us why

we have seen these charges in other parts of the world. I think it's a modest charge and that most visitors will not mind paying it.

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I don't know

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Support most

Tell us why

As i have said previously in this submission, I would rather support developing accessibility/usability to ocean swimming and perhaps help those need pool swimming with subsidies to use either the Te Huruhi school pool or the Tepid baths in the city. It feels in this current economic and more importantly environmental crisis that a swimming pool that will require high levels of chemical treatment and water, on top of an expensive outlay for construction and matienance, is not compatible with other local board goals. I do fully support that our tamariki learn how to swim - and with only one school having a swimming pool - costs associated with getting to the pool need to be considered. I also think there are areas where mowing could be reduced (why is that field opposite the Onetangi Hall mowed?) and without knowing more about what 'Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres ' - I can't say whether i support these or not. I would prioritise good foot paths and cycling infrastructure over beautification - as there are more posts on our community FB pages about the footpaths and cycle lanes then there are about how the Ostend and Onera village centres look. Never mind 'cosmetics' at this stage of the game - we need to protect and enhance our oceans, our flora and fauna and our healthy conenctions with each other.

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No

Tell us why

I personally do not feel that Waiheke needs a swimming pool. It has a number of benign swimming areas (Enclosure Bay and Whakanewha to name two) that are ideal for those learning to swim or those who need easier access. Water is precious over the summer months on the island - where would the water come from for a swimming pool and where would treated water be discharged. We are surrounded by beautiful beaches that we can swim in. I think our resources would be better directed in marine education and protecting the moana.

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There is a proposal to increase the amount paid for community leases of council owned property. I support the community leases for community groups to remain as they are. The groups who have these leases are non profit and operate largely through volunteers on very small budgets. The services these groups provide are important to our community. Any substantial increases in rent/rates would be unsustainable and detrimental for the groups involved.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

On waiheke we don't benefit from this so our money goes towards Auckland opportunities and meanwhile we're forced to pay horrendous ferry fees most can't afford to go on fullers let alone take their car off on Sealink Also Sealink do not cater for elderly or disabled they have steep stairs

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Do not support

Tell us why

They're coming to your city and will give money in other ways to the community

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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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Everyone pays enough rates as it is

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Yes

Tell us why

This is missing for our young and old especially indoors so they can use all year round the expense to go to the city for such is just not helping and it's hours instead of popping up the road

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Tell us why

Would depend on what that rate was?

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Stop charging waiheke for things we don't even benefit from

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Stop spending money on feeding the Downer monster - 90% of it is profit going to Australia.

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Do not support

Tell us why

The last thing we need is government involved in events, they delay, destroy and confuse with their incompetence and woke nonsense. Guest house owners have already experienced a 7% rise in costs last year with the GST threshold reduced to ZERO so that even small guesthouses now pay GST at around 7% AT SOURCE via online providers. Even larger providers have had their cashflow impacted as GST is now deducted BEFORE they get the money. Why you do you keep attacking the people providing the essential places for people to stay in Auckland ? On top of that THE VAST MAJORITY of people using vacation beds in Auckland are from New Zealand and we already pay GST on everything we buy, including accommodation !!!

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Do not support

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Stop putting prices up and reducing services. Why no reduce the huge bloat that is Auckland council ? When you implemented the super city all you did was INCREASE the number of staff at council and pay people more - where were the savings ?

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Do not support any

Tell us why

The local board is just a group of vested interest being paid a million bucks a year to look after those. They are frankly hostile to many ideas and people on Waiheke and rely on people who have nothing else useful to do or those who will benefit to support them. They are a total waste of money.

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Less important

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

Waiheke is a great place without the local board getting involved. Each time they do, all they achieve is things for themselves and their mates, like screwing up the parking and wasting a couple of million a year on themselves.

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No

Tell us why

We are an island surrounded by lovely safe beaches, what do we need a pool for ?

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Just do a DOGE on yourselves - get rid of half the staff who do nothing and stop giving all our rates to DOWNER.

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Support

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All about the money isnt it? People are getting charged more and more for stuff they dont get in services,since covid everything has gone up and up and nobody can afford it anymore. Going to make people sell up and leave because only the elite rich few can splash out. Will create more homeless.

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Tell us why

I did answer this question previously but I will add instead of wasting money or using up annual budget for roading on already good roads, why not start sealing the loop road? This is getting busier with each passing year and needs to be addressed as do all the metal roads here.

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

Its all very well and clear we dont need to waste ratepayers money on pointless projects that wont benefit anyone in the long run. Really need to prioritise things that will make a difference,playgrounds for example,nice to have but is it really needed? What wrong with Oneroa and Ostend as they are? Why do they need revitalising? Why do you need to commission the research of data and survey rezidents on the state of the motu? I dont get it Another big waste of money. Community pool is a given as that nugget has been bandied about for a decade but dont waste money on it with consultants. Council already has the land,the old Oneroa bowling club would be perfect. I would like to know where my money is going with this so called local targeted rate? Bang for bucks?or just sitting in zome fat cats account? Just stick to the important matters instead of throwing money at nice to haves. Maybe council owned land that is sitting idle and full of invasive weed species should be sold off,for example a reserve couple of sections called sleepy hollow. The council doesnt look after it but expects eveybody else to keep weed and pest free! Why should we be expected to form a friends of the bush reserve and get a working group to clean it all up when the council wont. Takes time and money,alot of which people dont have either if these days. Rakino needs a new hall? Why? Whats wrong with the old one? How many local residents are there anyway? A new hall for Rakino when there are homeless on the streets. Not alot of sense in that. We have an overly expensive library as it is,why does it need more money spent on it? We need a new harbour crossing like 20 years ago,focus on the bigger picture.

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Tell us why

There is already money in the kitty for this provided by the community,all you need is the land to build it,so my earlier suggestion was the old Oneroa bowling club,rip up the green dig it out build a pool simple! Has the old clubrooms there which could be repurposed into changing sheds with lockers etc.

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Do not support

Tell us why

We often spend the night in a CBD hotel as we live on Waiheke. Why should we pay more for the priviledge.

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I don't know

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

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

We pay the same rates as central Auckland. Yet we have poor roads, the most expensive fuel, we don't require water or wastewater. We don't even have a footpath on Waiheke road - the only road to the east side of the island. The roads do not support the huge numbers of tourist busses - and cannot cope with double decker busses. Tourist operators promote hire bikes on the island - yet it's too dangerous to ride! We need more (safe) ways to commute.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

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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)

None of these plans address the social and economic needs of Waiheke. It does not fix our roads or make them safer, It does not address the cost of fuel.

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No

Tell us why

we have a beach.

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Page 33 makes no sense - put it in a way everyone can understand. To protect Maunga - remove grazing stock which destroys the land and makes it impossible to walk, ride, run on.

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Depends. Paying for a service is best but not if you use it rarely or never.

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Waiheke funding was so severely reduced last year, that huge chunks of desired services were impossible. Our priorities always appear to disappear to the bottom or worse, of City priorities.

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Swimming pool is vital to all members of the community especially the aged, ,disabled and youth. The locals have already shown a strong interest in a non cheap and nasty version and a willingness to help fundraise for it. Despite this thinly top-sealing over and over again takes precedence.

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No

Tell us why

Other communities which have far easier access to a pool than Waiheke residents have (approx. \$60 per trip) do not have these handicaps. We do have the sea nearby but it is unusable in winter cold, summer sun, and especially for the young, disabled and aged, surf waves or tidal conditions.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

this plan tells us what we might get without any consultation with the community

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Do not support

Tell us why

we already have a 'levy' on ferry passengers at our public wharves which produces a source of income to the council and which has never produced statements of accounts for the residents and ratepayers of Waiheke Island

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it appears that restrictions placed on rubbish collection mean that there is a considerable volume of other waste taken to the tip at considerable fees for which we again have to pay when there are no details of fees received by the council available to the public

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Do not support any

Tell us why

these proposals are made up without any consultation with the community about what it needs

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too many of these priorities have been listed many times and take too much time on the paperwork so that there is never enough funds to pay for any action

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Other

Tell us why

this has gone on for too long without any action, previously we have seen the local board produce a skate board park while virtually ignoring the urgent requests for a swimming pool

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I look forward to seeing Critical decision-making locally and am surprised that the council does not have details of Waiheke's carrying capacity including sustainability of our ground water sources, visitor numbers and their impacts, and economic diversification opportunities whatever they are

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I'm not able to judge the wider auckland initiatives as I live on waiheke Island and very rarely travel to auckland. Our main issues here are Transport and roading which nobody appears to be competent enough to address them effectively or efficiently. Our roads are mostly designed for vehicles that are less than 5000kg yet we have extremely over weight electric buses which are

99% empty turning the roads into an obstacle course with pot holes over a foot deep. This of course is problematic as then the downer morons will patch up a hole while ignoring the other hole 50 meters away 6 months later if we're lucky. The solution is very simple but no dip ***** is capable of actually thinking about how we could save a few million by only using the big busses on the main roads and using vans to service the smaller routes. It's not rocket science it's not even 1st year uni Civil planning, it's just plain common sense. The islands roads are a mess all because of no oversight and our local representatives literally have no input into the things that really matter. They should be saying it like a mantra remove over weight vehicles.

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Do not support

Tell us why

We survive on tourism imposing a levy on the likes of an air b&b is a nice attempt from the big hotels to gain some more customers crying out it's not fair. I would perhaps agree if there was a big hotel on waiheke but fact is there's not and the short term rentals actually contribute to the livelihoods of at least 5 people per house when you break it down. Booking, cleaning, maintenance...

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Tell us why

Address the pot holes and busses that are ruining the roads we don't care for you flying Palestinian or lgbgtqa flags and whining about eco this and that pull finger and address what's important.bie saving millions of dollars in the process.

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No

Tell us why

No need we have beautiful beaches and I'm sure a 20k lap pool would be sufficient should we need one for occupational therapy

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Support most

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It's unclear how my local board will be impacted by the funding changes. It sounds like a good idea but I don't have enough information to support it.

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I would love to see investments in expanding our bike and walking paths on Waiheke.

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Tell us why

I don't see a need for one but if the community feels otherwise I would not oppose taxes to help pay for 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

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How important are these priorities to you?

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

Very important

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Very important

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Less important

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Very important

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Very important

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

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

No

Tell us why

We have beautiful Beaches and do not need Swimming Pools

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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

As the owner of a Waiheke Holiday Home, rented for short stays through a local island bookings agent, I have a number of concerns regarding the proposed bed-tax. **Additional Bureaucracy:** The cost of implementing this tax both at a council level and for the short term rental providers is significant. I do not perceive the '\$9 a year rates savings' for Aucklanders to justify the additional complexity this levy will create. **Impact to Waiheke Local Businesses:** Waiheke relies on tourism to support its restaurant, vineyard and tour operators. Short term visitors are critical to the local economy and require economical accommodation options like Holiday Homes. If prices rise or less accommodation is available it will have a negative impact on the islands economy. **Proposed spend does not benefit Short Term Rental Providers:** This proposed tax will be used to fill a council funding gap for major events and promotions, rather than directly benefiting accommodation providers or the tourism industry. Any benefit received through event-tourism will not be felt by those on Waiheke, but rather providers in Central Auckland. **Unfair Impact to Small Operators:** Unlike Hotels, that can absorb these additional costs, we operate on a significantly smaller scale and rely on seasonal income with small profit margins. These costs would impact our ability to continue offering accommodation options to visitors. **Combined Taxation Concerns:** As property owners we already pay Rates, as holiday home owners we are paying GST. The continued adding of taxes to the short-term rentals market will make it prohibitive to continue to provide these accommodation options. **Not a Visitor Tax:** Unlike Europe where a fee is collected per-person and per night, this tax is instead a percentage levy on the accommodation provider meaning that owners must absorb these costs. Furthermore, unlike Europe, this levy is not invested in a way that will benefit the accommodation provider. **Overall,** I do not perceive this bed-tax to be beneficial to short-term rental operators, Waiheke Residents, nor Aucklanders as a whole. I urge the Council to reconsider this approach and explore fairer, more balanced solutions that do not disproportionately burden short-term rental providers.

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Support most

Tell us why

I don't support Speedway having to move from it's home at Western Springs. It has been there since 1929 and the history attached to this stadium and speedway is of huge significance. It deserves heritage status and to remain the home of Speedway

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Tell us why

This could be seen as a deterrent for people to stay in Auckland. There has to be a better way to fund major events

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Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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

Fairly important

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Very important

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

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Yes

Tell us why

A community pool would be massively beneficial to the community. There is not enough for young kids to do on this island and a pool would be a great addition. Also, the island could definitely do with some family oriented activities like ten pin bowling, games arcade etc. With the drug problem on the island, I believe these things could stop kids/young adults from becoming bored and turning to drugs

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Support most

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed bed tax as this will be inflationary and reduce the amount of short term accommodation available meaning that Auckland will not be able to cope with large or frequent 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 think the bed tax will be inflationary and reduce the number of short stay accommodation over time. The margins for short term rentals are already tight with high rate, insurance and associated costs including GST. I would support a flat tax of \$5.00 per night to pay for industry true and services but it does not make sense to put any money towards the promotion of events as Auckland is big enough to attract events.

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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)

Rates need to take account of the fact that salaries and wages are not rising and this put severe pressure on families. The government came in and said they would address inflation but the non tradable inflation (including rates) remains at over 4%. That simply cannot be sustained

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

Ōrākei, Waiheke

Ōrākei 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?

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

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

I don't know

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

Proposals 6 to 9 should be funded through business funding or private investment,. These did very little benefit to the orekei community as a whole. They look like someone's pet projects rather than necessities

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

I think some preliminary work to scope this and understand the issues is important. If this work is completed and it finds a replacement is required for the sea wall there is no way the council could fund it so what is the point

Waiheke Local Board Priorities

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

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How important are these priorities to you?**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

I don't know

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

Proposal 5. This seems like a very low priority especially the idea of a swimming pool. Proposal 6. Revitalisation of the Ostend shopping centre is a private good that should be funded by the business and property owners who would reap any benefits from their investment. Proposal 7. It is not clear what this survey would achieve. I would suggest that council already holds most of the information needed and could simply undertake a literature review and perhaps some additional research. Also what will the council do with the information once it has it.

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

No

Tell us why

The pool is an absolute waste of money which could be spent on something important and critical. We live on an Island with a huge number of beaches. That is the unique nature of Waiheke.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Lower rates

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Support

Tell us why

Too many airbnbs

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Support most

Tell us why

More bike lanes on roads, especially surfdale and onetangi straight.

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Less important

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Tell us why

This has been going on for too long. Get it done. A covered pool at the rec centre.

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Tell us why

I am a Waiheke resident and I believe that passing this tax onto holiday rentals is going to cost the council a lot more to manage than simply adding \$9 to peoples rates. Not only that, it will drive the cost of offering accommodation up, discouraging visitors from spending tourist dollars in Auckland, instead driving them to other regions. Additional Bureaucracy: The cost of implementing this tax both at a council level and for the short term rental providers is significant. I do not perceive the '\$9 a year rates savings' for Aucklanders to justify the additional complexity this levy will create. Impact to Waiheke Local Businesses: Waiheke relies on tourism to support its restaurant, vineyard and tour operators. Short term visitors are critical to the local economy and require economical accommodation options like Holiday Homes. If prices rise or less accommodation is available it will have a negative impact on the islands economy. Proposed spend does not benefit Short Term Rental Providers: This proposed tax will be used to fill a council funding gap for major events and promotions, rather than directly benefiting accommodation providers or the tourism industry. Any benefit received through event-tourism will not be felt by those on Waiheke, but rather providers in Central Auckland. Not a Visitor Tax: Unlike Europe where a fee is collected per-person and per night, this tax is instead a percentage levy on the accommodation provider meaning that owners must absorb these costs. Furthermore, unlike Europe, this levy is not invested in a way that will benefit the accommodation provider. Overall, I do not perceive this bed-tax to be beneficial to short-term rental operators, Waiheke Residents, nor Aucklanders as a whole. I urge the Council to reconsider this approach and explore fairer, more balanced solutions that do not disproportionately burden short-term rental providers.

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Support most

Tell us why

Traffic light management needs to be improved and pedestrian crossing humps need to be made less aggressive as evidenced by the spring absorbing pads on my small car needing replacing at 70,000km despite it only ever been driven on sealed roads.

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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 bed tax on Waiheke Island is not appropriate. Many people like myself only use it for holiday rentals to cover the cost of ownership and to maintain it for the use of family during school holidays etc. The limited rental received helps cover high rate bills, management fees, linen and laundry costs, cleaning costs, a GST contribution, garden and property maintenance. It is not run as a business operation. While a bed tax on commercial accommodation will help fund special events the benefits from these from a Waiheke perspective will most likely fail to match those that would flow from a single additional cruise ship visit to Auckland.

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?

Waiheke

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

The Waiheke board and community is good at promoting local events and attractions, a bed tax should be raised and spent on the mainland which is where the benefits generated will be delivered.

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

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Less important

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

Less important

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

Private operators and the local community are doing a good job in the village centres. The ferry arrival areas could be made more interesting as is the case in the Nelson area.

Community Pool Development

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

No

Tell us why

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

The complete lack of investment in cycling infrastructure and the environment is alarming. If we're to reduce our emissions then we need wholesale change. That starts with all kids cycling and walking to school, and alongside pristine natural environment, where shade from trees is included.

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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 stop overnight air b'n'b accommodations in order to provide long term rentable housing.

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Support

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Local board priorities

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Albert-Eden, Waiheke

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?

Support most

Tell us why

Just the complete lack of investment in the environment and cycling infrastructure is short sighted. We need cycle lanes throughout the local board to facilitate kids cycling to school.

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.

Fairly 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)

Using parks for events is a theatrical to wildlife.

Waiheke Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

Tell us why

Just the lack of investment in environmental initiatives across Waiheke is very short sighted. There needs to be a massive funding boost for these initiatives. The predator free program and weed free Waiheke program need to be fully funded. We also need more safe cycling infrastructure.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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

Fairly important

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

We won't be able to have the luxuries if we don't protect our island. This starts with restoring our natural environment, safe cycle ways, trying to get people out of cars.

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

Yes

Tell us why

It needs to be funded by everyone, and not just those that use it.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Main priorities are apparently: provide for our communities in the greatest need deliver outcomes for and with Māori adapt to and reduce the effects of climate change. Providing for our communities in greatest need is not something I (as opposed to everyone else in NZ) should have to pay extra for. Waiheke Island should not be part of Auckland City at all. I haven't even

BEEN to Auckland City FOR YEARS. Don't raise my rates to support far-flung areas I haven't even seen for decades (or in some cases EVER) -- how is that fair? Prioritising Maori input and continuing to believe in the imminence of a fake climate crisis are both total *****, so I don't support either of those.

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I don't know

Tell us why

This will just raise the cost of visiting Auckland. Do you want visitors, or don't you? Personally I don't, so that would lead me to support this initiative. Who cares if Auckland is regarded as an exciting city -- I never even go there. This is the business of commercial operators, not me.

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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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Don't ask me about Franklin and Rodney -- they have nothing to do with me.

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

Waiheke

Waiheke 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

Actually this is on page 27 not pp 16-26. THE ONLY thing I support is delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library Yes, I SUPPORT that. However:

- programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience DO NOT SUPPORT. This is just words. Don't raise my rates to support vague nothings
- progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan Do not support. The only recommended action here should be funded entirely by the Golf Club, which STILL gets free exclusive use of a large section of this reserve that my rates pay for and which CAUSED the dump getting rid of which is a large part of the recommended actions
- capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall Again, I have NEVER been to Rakino. How many people live there? Let them replace their Hall. And as for the playground -- it's fine as it is.
- continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate Yeah yeah, been hearing about this for 20 years. Nothing has happened, or will happen.
- revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres NEITHER IS NECESSARY. Ostend and Oneroa village are fine (except maybe need more parking in Oneroa)
- commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu. We want to know what activities you think we should prioritise for 2025/2026. More *****. Don't raise my rates to fund ***** projects that will again NEVER HAPPEN.

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

I told you why in the last Tell us why. I don't regard the things I've marked less important as important AT ALL.

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

No

Tell us why

There is no need for a community pool. This issue has lingered for decades and nothing has happened. Stop beating this dead horse.

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As far as I know, none of the relevant Maunga is in my Local Board Area (although I don't know as I was unable to access the document saying where these places ARE. As I keep saying, Waiheke Island should not be under the Auckland Council's control at all. And I don't agree that Maori land should be treated any differently from anyone else's land.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The proposed bed tax during international events should be over and above hotels normal rates so that INTERNATIONAL visitors pay their share. Sydney applied the bed tax on hotels during Olympic games in 2020. I suggested the same to Auckland Council during the Rugby World cup and NOTHING was done> I trust the councils response is Positive this time.

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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

NZ residents stay in short stay B and B . It is International Visitors on non NZ passports that should Pay. In Namibia there is a 20% tax on non holders of a Namibian passport at hotels and resorts .through out the year,

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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 rates increase should not exceed the rate of inflation. All government welfare payments are tied to inflation. The universities I understand do not pay rates. However Auckland University opened an \$320,000,000 eight level recreational centre at 17 Symonds Street. The university should pay rates on the recreational Centre just like Less Mills and other centres. The eateries and merchandise shops on the University Site should also PAY TRATES.

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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 could not access the council and local board documents. I Called the council by telephone and the council could not direct me to the relevant documents.

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Less important

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I don't know

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Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

The walking tracks at Church Bay and Owphanake have not been reinstated since the destructive storm several years ago. The cycling tracks urgently require development; not just paint. Between Erua and the Quarry on Onetangi road. a cycle tract should be constructed (Not Paint). Between the Golf Course and the Strand a cycle path should be constructed adjacent to the road, Not Paint.

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

No

Tell us why

There are many elderly residents who would not use the pool because of accessibility, travel and physical impairments.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Increasing rates will be a real problem.

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Do not support

Tell us why

I have accomodation & the rates bill covers this & we make hardly any money as rates so high almost not worth doing for tourists.

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I don't know

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Too much included in rates bill already

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Council workers are seen drinking coffee & reading the paper on Councils time. This is a fact as I walk my dog every day for an hour and see this weekly. Usually the same man in his Council ute. Total waste of money and no one policing.

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No

Tell us why

There has already been a heap of money poured into this but no outcome. There is currently a pool at the local High School.

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Support

Tell us why

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The food waste bins are a waste of time money with not enough support to justify.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

We get sub standard roads especially the main roads which would be acceptable on the mainland. Our ferries need to be subsidised as per all other Auckland transport.

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

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Less important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Fairly important

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Council seem to have little or no idea about the needs of the island

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Support most

Tell us why

I agree with most of the proposal. However I believe the investment in transportation should also have a focus on current transportation infrastructure which is unreliable.

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Support

Tell us why

Tourists coming in for major events should help contribute to these costs.

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Support

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Tell us why

I believe it's important for Kiwis to learn to swim. Even though we have a lot of beaches on the island it isn't really the best environment to learn to swim. A Waiheke community pool would be good so all of the local schools have somewhere to learn to swim

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I support improving infrastructure and facilities for locals and tourists. I approve of the capped public transport fee, except that it should apply to resident committees and resident students on Waiheke Island. Funding for Waiheke Island, especially for affordable housing, could be discussed

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Really important to involve the local community and our local board member so they can support the projects.

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Tell us why

It sounds like fair way to do it.

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Transport and housing are the big issues here. Local buses are fabulous , so just the ferry service for residents could be at a reduced cost compared to tourists. There is already a reduced fare for very regular travellers but it should apply to all residents. Housing is a major issue as we have homeless people who live in car and virtual boat wrecks.

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Tell us why

There are some basic issues that are side stepped in the report. If Auckland is to be what we want it to be, vibrant, livable, workable etc etc, it also has to be safe. Safe from gangs and safe from vagrants. As the council it is not good enough to reply and say well that's a police issue. It is, but ACC has a massive impact if you put pressure on police to perform. Way more than the current

new investment in a few bobbies on Queen St. This needs coordinated Council, Heart of City, City Sanitation, Community Wardens and Police planning to make Auckland actually feel like the city you describe on the brochures. You can't hide the cesspit the CBD has become. CRL and other disruptions must accept some blame, but the real issue is clear - no one cares. For example, who cares from council that every weekend every rubbish bin outside the city McDonalds is so full of trash, blowing down the street and making the whole Commercial Bay area look like a tip? Take McDonald's to task about this. They take the profits, they clean up their own mess I say. But it needs council leadership, care, attention to detail to get this done. It's the same story all over the city, it's like an unloved place.

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Do not support

Tell us why

I'm an owner of one of these short stay's. Just in the process of taking it off the rental system. Why? It has gone from being profitable to unprofitable over the past 24 months. Hight rates, the targeted rate, high expenses all round and flat line income and decreasing bookings. Means I'm in the red for the first time this year. The rates and targeted bed rate are killing this. Plus it's a wildly uneven system. So can it to save a vibrant short stay sector that supports Auckland

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Not enough said in the plan about transport for the Island. This hobbles Waiheke from reaching its potential. Community swimming pool, great idea!

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Research on the state of the Motu! OMG, Just save the money and do work and STOP paying consultants. Fix broken pipes, no vanity projects until all infrastructure is working. That's what councils do.

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Can't be built without funding, unless an angle investor drops in. That might be worth considering... a PPP, council donates the land for a private developer to build the pool with naming rights sold to....

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The major problem in Auckland is traffic, I appreciate that it is an isthmus and constricted but sort out AT, get rid of so many ridiculous cones AND the traffic congestion around the transport hub of Auckland, the ferry terminal! I have missed so many ferries because of traffic congestion. Also get rid of the Port...it is hindering the potential beauty of Auckland harbour.

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Tell us why

As an owner of a home on Waiheke Island, we are woefully overpaying for services not rendered - water, sewerage, roading etc. Ferries should come directly under Auckland Transport and be run in line with all other commuter services offered to Aucklanders. Its a disgrace of this council and many prior that this has not happened thus far. Make it a legacy for this council to rectify this issue.

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As the owner of a Waiheke Holiday Home, rented for short stays through a local island bookings agent, I have a number of concerns regarding the proposed bed-tax. **Additional Bureaucracy:** The cost of implementing this tax both at a council level and for the short term rental providers is significant. I do not perceive the '\$9 a year rates savings' for Aucklanders to justify the additional complexity this levy will create. **Impact to Waiheke Local Businesses:** Waiheke relies on tourism to support its restaurant, vineyard and tour operators. Short term visitors are critical to the local economy and require economical accommodation options like Holiday Homes. If prices rise or less accommodation is available it will have a negative impact on the islands economy. **Proposed spend does not benefit Short Term Rental Providers:** This proposed tax will be used to fill a council funding gap for major events and promotions, rather than directly benefiting accommodation providers or the tourism industry. Any benefit received through event-tourism will not be felt by those on Waiheke, but rather providers in Central Auckland. **Unfair Impact to Small Operators:** Unlike Hotels, that can absorb these additional costs, we operate on a significantly smaller scale and rely on seasonal income with small profit margins. These costs would impact our ability to continue offering accommodation options to visitors. **Combined Taxation Concerns:** As property owners we already pay Rates, as holiday home owners we are paying GST. The continued adding of taxes to the short-term rentals market will make it prohibitive to continue to provide these accommodation options. **Not a Visitor Tax:** Unlike Europe where a fee is collected per-person and per night, this tax is instead a percentage levy on the accommodation provider meaning that owners must absorb these costs. Furthermore, unlike Europe, this levy is not invested in a way that will benefit the accommodation provider. Overall, I do not perceive this bed-tax to be beneficial to short-term rental operators, Waiheke Residents, nor Aucklanders as a whole. I urge the Council to

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Tell us why

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Do not support any

Tell us why

The auckland city council is out of control amd provides no satisfactory results . Auckland council wastes our money and is trying to price private citizens out of there homes . No rates increase is justified. This is a criminal act . All other contractors have to provide a service carried out to high standard upheld by consumers garrenties act . Auckland council needs to be held accountable for

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Private companies generate revenue from these events and already attract visitors and draw money into the city . Over stepping your council orthority and charging fees on overnight stays in private business is yet another auckland council overstep and lead to total control of private citizens. Fly we do not belong to you . You are supposed to work for us not against us . These overstepping policies garrenty the demise of auckland city and nz as a hole .

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We already pay for these services and overpay already . Here on waiheke island which according to you is a suburb of auckland . We receive no services apart from an already reduced rubbish collection . Even green waste cost to get ride off . This over step on waste control has done nothing but cause major illegal dumping on waiheke . So no again I do not wish auckland council to be controlling this service . Fyl the waste collection company is also privately owned . Makes you wonder what council member directly benefits from these over charges

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Tell us why

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Because all of these things are underdone and over consulted . Consultation and survey costs on waiheke use more of the budget than actual work . Fire the paper pushed hire some labour workers to actually do the jobs your all being paid to plan that never happen . Just like the 20 year pool plan that has never happened and will never happen.

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No

Tell us why

You have wasted our fund raised money and government money I.e our rates for 20 years over this pool and done nothing . We could have built it ourselves for less than the consulting fees and wasted research money . Forget it your incompetent

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Over the last 15 years since owning my property on Waiheke Island my rates have gone from \$704 the first year to \$2700 this year. The promise was made that my rates would not be increased any more than 3% per year at the most!!! Do the maths. Also, We hardly get any council services for

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Tell us why

I think this will impact on the amount of people who choose to come to NZ because of the added expense over the whole country. Also Waiheke Island is very dependant on tourism and this would have an impact on visitor stays here, even though many are only day trippers to the island.

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Support

Tell us why

I support this, with the condition that Waiheke - which in proportion will have an enormous night visitor revenue in relation to it's size - receives a fair share of the profits from our industry to better fund the island as a community and tourist destination. It wouldn't be fair for that to go to events in Auckland which only bring tourists to Auckland as opposed to here.

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Support

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I just really want to stress that how the bed night visitor levy is handled will have massive impacts on Waiheke's future. It's a make or break for many of us.

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Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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Less important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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

The pool has regrettably taken forever and likely still will. I just simply believe that higher rates are simply not the way to fund it, and if the bed night visitor levy works to our advantage we will have the excess capital to progress it further.

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I don't know

Tell us why

It's a tough one that I ultimately don't know enough about. I know many will be unhappy. I learnt to swim in the beaches and at the tepid baths but for many locals commuting to the city for those lessons is not feasible now.

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

To free up accommodation for long-term renters and decrease pressure on the supply of rental properties.

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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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Waiheke 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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Tell us why

Because we need one.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

There is no real long term vision for the development of Auckland through infrastructure investment (for example we still do not know what we want with the second harbor crossing, despite numerous and repetitive costly consultant studies) The future of a city of the size of Auckland is not via road and traffic improvement but through solely public transport. It was discovered in London in the 80's

that no fixing the roads and potholes had 2 major consequences: cost saving and safety (because cars were going much slower) The objectives of Watercare are already dead as Watercare has taken the decision to ABANDON the goal of separating stormwater from wastewater (i know this because I work for an engineering consultancy)

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Support

Tell us why

Major activities may be great for the local economy and local businesses but it comes with great disturbance to residents, in particular with the impact on the already poorly run public transport system, raising money from visitor to improve infrastructure is necessary

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Do not support

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As a Waiheke resident, I am conscious that my rates are subsidizing CBD council services with very little to show for in support for rural communities

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Tell us why

Waiheke residents do not get a budget that correspond to the amount of rates collected

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Less important

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

There is no need for a survey, that's a waste of money on consultants. The Hauraki Gulf is dying, yet we built Marina's. There is no support from the government so environmental objective are somewhat token.

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No

Tell us why

Why a targeted rate for Waiheke, haven't rates collected on Waiheke been used to develop the Karanga Plaza Harbour Pool?

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There is a need for Auckland council to regain full control of AT and in a similar manner Watercare. These organizations are not accountable and their poor planning and project management are a huge cost to the community for no much to show for.

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Support most

Tell us why

Please continue to fund local communities eg libraries, playparks, pump tracks

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Support

Tell us why

I support this levy provided the raised money can go into local communities such as keep the WASP building at Hobsonville for local people to use as per original plan for Hobsonville

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support most

Tell us why

Please fund facilities for children and young people. They need a swimming pool and indoor basketball gym. The WASP building would be ideal for this

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

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

Community centres – programming and activations ,Libraries facilities - opening hours and services ,Youth activities

North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

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

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

No

Tell us why

Hobsonville needs its own swimming pool. North Harbour swimming pool is too crowded

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Too many houses are being built in Hobsonville with not enough consideration for children and teenagers. Small children grow up and need community places for sport and recreation

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Support most

Tell us why

Be good that Waiheke Island gets its fair share of the revenue generated as we dont have good cycle lanes and as a destination we are undervalued for the amount of tourism it generates

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Support

Tell us why

Unfortunately the costs are passed onto the visitors making it more expensive and what actually changed? It should be a targeted rate on their rates so then we know who is visitor accommodation and who is not. bed tax is unfair on commercial businesses as they have to have certification like fire and escapes, where as residential has none of these elements to adhere to

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where is the destination management plan for waiheke? why has not been implemented? this should be a priority

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

Support most

Tell us why

the current board is anti business and anti tourism thus the destination management plan has disappeared and why? because of personal positions and their beliefs not ours of the community. The onetangi sports park management plan got rail roaded by environmentalist, i was part of the plan as i run a sports club, the process lost its way when not focusing on sport and it turned into an enviromental park, considering it was once was bare farm land with no trees, the busiest club on the the golf club has been hamstrung by these activist yet its the biggest club that operates all year round and is not seasonal like other sports.

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Less important

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

We are a small island community, tourism is our biggest industry and growing, we dont service that infrastructure very well, simple things like wayfinding and cycle lanes keep falling off the radar because we have small roads and because of that we dont fit the standards of normal road, this simple problem can be changed very effectively but still the road are not wide enough to cater cyclist yet there are many cyclist every day on our small country roads

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Tell us why

i have been fund raising now for nearly 20 years for the pools, my older children missed out and no doubt our 9yo will miss out on the facility its a shame that we cant get much money yet Kaitia with the same population get a \$12.5mil swimming pool? the costs as a community to go swimming is \$30 to \$55 per person ferry ticket to swim in the city?

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We need events, the output is that the businesses in the community all prosper for them, fund it and it will bring funding to us rather than get us to fund you..? (chicken and egg) our local community board is anti business and anti tourism we have a major problem here and they need to remember they serve the community not themselves!

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland infrastructure is already under serious duress and struggling to work for the current rate paying residents. Also the medical system which is hugely underfunded, is unable to cope with the current population, let alone plane loads of temporary visitors!! If you were to charge a bed tax, which supported the health system, I would be more interested in supporting it !

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Do not support

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Residents across the board should be encouraged to create less waste, and own their own compost bins!! Maybe a system that rewards people for less waste ? Have a bag means there is less rubbish. A bin just encourages a lack of thought about what is being thrown away.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Residents are already suffering and struggling to survive. The cost of getting on and off the Island is now prohibitive. It is not subsidised, as all other ferry trips to and from Auckland are!!

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People are struggling to survive here. Luxuries are at the bottom of the list.

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No

Tell us why

Waiheke resident already pay an enormous amount of rates, this should be supported by the Auckland council

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couldn't access the page..... But it may e worth noting that a lot of people moved here because it was cheaper. The council has bled the Island dry, and old people are now force to sell their homes and move. This Summer there were many less people visiting the Island because, the ferry fares and accomodation and cost of food. put it well out of reach of the majority of NZER's It's called Killing the Golden Goose

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Tell us why

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Support

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Local board priorities

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

Waiheke

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Support most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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

Very important

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Very important

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

Very important

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Yes

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

common sense changes

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Support

Tell us why

becomes a user pays not a rate payer pays

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Other

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dont live in these areas so dont feel it is my place to make decisions for them

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Tell us why

things have changed and now the island is a very popular tourist destination. Transport has become a problem and we need a second ferry provider to assure competition in this sector.

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

6 revitalising Oneroa and Ostend. Onetangi could be added to this list. Would like to see support for surf life savers training we need them stationed on our beaches as they are very busy now. Particularly Oneroa, Palm Beach and Onetangi

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Yes

Tell us why

We are an island in a big unpredictable sea. all our people need to be able to swim. Will provide a place for surf life saving training

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Support most

Tell us why

Waiheke receives a very low level of funding despite contributing a huge amount in rates. The needs of island based communities are unique from other communities and the need for good facilities and services is critical particularly with the cost and time to go to the city. We can't just go down the road to access another service.

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Support

Tell us why

Communities like Waiheke desperately need more funding for facilities and community assets for residents and visitors. The Waiheke Local Board is woefully underfunded compared to other Boards despite Waiheke being a major attraction for Auckland.

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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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Services like Waiheke Community Art Gallery are completely underfunded compared to other similar galleries in Auckland receiving only \$20,000 per year. The gallery adds immense value to the community contributing over half a million dollars to local artists and suppliers and having around 60,000 visitors per year. Similar galleries across Auckland receive between \$300,000 to \$600,000 in funding per year.

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I don't know

Tell us why

The Local Board shouldn't need to have targeted rates to deliver core amenities to the community. Other regions in Auckland have these amenities provided by council without targeted rates. Waiheke is very under resourced for community amenities.

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The Waiheke Local Board needs to receive a comparative portion of the rates take to be able to adequately resource community assets and management of the island for residents and our visitors. Every community organisation on the island is struggling with a fraction of the support that is given to other communities in Auckland.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres - programme and activation and grants - are the most important priority to me. Thank you

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Because we already pay too much in rates

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Do not support

Tell us why

We need to already charge more for increasing rates, insurance , power , GST

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Do not support

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Rates are unrealistic, deters property ownership More of us moving to Australia

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Need more funding for arts and golf

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Do not support

Tell us why

Major events, like other business activities should be run on a commercial basis, to a budget, that covers it's own costs. The calculated benefit to the city is an accounting fabrication, and seldom covers the cities own extra costs in traffic management, and other disruptions.

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No

Tell us why

We haven't told you that a community pool is a priority, the surveys show it is NOT a priority. There is already a very good community swimming pool available at the school, and numerous beautiful beaches for swimming. The cost to Waiheke community to fund the operating costs of a community swimming pool will be unsustainable, or the cost to use the pool will be excessive.

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Support

Tell us why

Best way to make up funding shortfall

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Support most

Tell us why

Disagree that a pool is priority when we so many beautiful beaches. I support more funding for local arts. I work as a volunteer for Waiheke Community Art Gallery and see how many visitors both local and NZ visit the gallery which receives very little funding compared to most other galleries in Auckland.

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No

Tell us why

Don't consider a pool as a priority

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

I can't believe you are giving a \$9 per YEAR rates discount to we ratepayers & replacing it with a large tax on just short term accommodations providers! How ridiculously UNFAIR! If you want to claw in money to supposedly fund major events in Auckland, why are you not taxing the events centres, the ticket sellers, the taxi drivers, the tour companies .. an on & on why are you targeting holiday homes, motels & hotels? It's so UNFAIR!

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I'm specifically against the Bed Tax for Waiheke island. We are a community that relies heavily on tourism yet we don't benefit from Major Events in Auckland at all, so why tax the Waiheke people to

support Auckland. We may be forced to be under Auckland council but we are NOT Auckland, in any way! This bed tax is ridiculous & is totally unfair!

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Tell us why

Where small Auckland Council's proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 includes the introduction of a bed-night visitor levy, ranging from 2.5% to 3%, on short-term accommodation providers. This levy is projected to generate approximately \$27 million annually to fund destination management, marketing, and major events in Auckland. Auckland Council For Waiheke Island residents who rely on short-term rentals like Airbnb for their livelihood, this proposed levy poses significant challenges. Unlike urban centers, Waiheke lacks the infrastructure to support large hotels, making short-term rentals a vital component of the island's accommodation offerings. The introduction of this levy could disproportionately impact local hosts, leading to potential economic hardships in our community. Key Points of Opposition: Economic Impact on Local Hosts: Many Waiheke residents depend on income from short-term rentals. The additional levy could reduce bookings, directly affecting their earnings and financial stability. Auckland Council Lack of Alternative Accommodation: Waiheke's limited infrastructure cannot support large-scale hotels. Short-term rentals fill this gap, catering to tourists and supporting the local economy. Imposing a levy may discourage hosts, leading to reduced accommodation options for visitors. Community and Cultural Preservation: Short-term rentals allow residents to share the island's unique culture and environment with visitors. Overregulation or additional financial burdens could diminish this cultural exchange and alter the island's character. Precedent from Previous Targeted Rates: The Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (APTR) was previously not reinstated, acknowledging the undue burden on accommodation providers. Reintroducing a similar levy contradicts this earlier decision and reinstates financial pressures on small-scale providers. Auckland Council +1 FLD +1 Auckland Council Recommendations: Exemption for Small-Scale Providers: Consider exempting or providing relief to small-scale, local short-term rental operators, especially in areas lacking large hotel infrastructure like Waiheke Island. Community Consultation: Engage directly with Waiheke residents and accommodation providers to understand the unique challenges faced and collaboratively develop solutions that support both the council's objectives and the local economy. Assessment of Economic Impact: Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the potential economic

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The Waiheke Resources Trust supports waste reduction policies that align with Auckland's Zero Waste by 2040 strategy but recommends:

- ◆ A Hybrid Approach – If a targeted rate is introduced, maintain an incentive for waste minimization, such as a tiered system where households with lower waste outputs pay less.
- ◆ Stronger Support for Waste Diversion – Any change must be accompanied by enhanced local composting, reuse, and recycling infrastructure, ensuring waste services align with the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle before disposal).
- ◆ Consideration of Rural & Low-Waste Households – Council should assess exemptions or alternative pricing for households that already engage in best-practice waste minimization (e.g., composting, minimal landfill waste).
- ◆ Community Consultation & Transparency – Before implementing a new system, residents and waste management experts should be consulted to ensure the proposed change supports both equity and sustainability.

Final Position: While WRT supports structured waste management funding, the current proposal lacks waste-reduction incentives and flexibility for low-waste households. A more nuanced approach that maintains incentives for individual responsibility while ensuring equitable waste service funding would better align with Waiheke Resources Trust's values.

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The Waiheke Resources Trust (WRT) is dedicated to environmental stewardship, community resilience, and sustainable development on Waiheke Island. After reviewing the Waiheke Local Board's proposals for the 2025/2026 financial year, WRT offers the following feedback: Auckland Council

1. Environmental Restoration and Protection WRT commends the continued focus on programs to protect, restore, and enhance Waiheke's natural environment. These initiatives align with our mission to promote biodiversity and ecological health. We encourage the Local Board to prioritize projects that involve community participation, fostering a collective sense of responsibility and connection to our environment. AK Have Your Say
2. Community Engagement and Resilience The proposed initiatives to provide opportunities for community connection and to bolster community capability and resilience are highly valued. WRT supports efforts that empower residents through education, collaboration, and resource-sharing, which are vital for building a resilient and cohesive community.
3. Infrastructure Upgrades Investments in upgrading and replacing community assets, such as the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and the Rakino Island Community Hall, are positive steps toward enhancing public spaces. WRT advocates for incorporating sustainable design principles and materials in these projects to minimize environmental impact and ensure longevity. AK Have Your Say
4. Village Centre Upgrades The planned upgrades to Ostend and Oneroa village centres present an opportunity to integrate green infrastructure and sustainable urban design. WRT encourages the inclusion of features like rain gardens, permeable surfaces, and native plantings to improve stormwater management and enhance the aesthetic appeal of these areas. AK Have Your Say
5. Community Swimming Pool Development While WRT recognizes the community's interest in developing a swimming pool, we recommend a thorough assessment of the environmental implications, including water and energy usage. Exploring eco-friendly technologies and sustainable operation models will be crucial to align this project with Waiheke's environmental values.
6. Data Research and Resident Surveys Conducting research and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu (island) is essential for informed decision-making. WRT supports data-driven approaches that identify environmental trends, community needs, and areas requiring intervention, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively. AK Have Your Say

Additional Recommendations:

- Waste Minimization Initiatives:** Implement programs that reduce waste generation, promote recycling, and support a circular economy, in line with WRT's commitment to sustainable waste management.
- Climate Change Adaptation Strategies:** Develop and implement plans to address climate change impacts, focusing on coastal erosion, sea-level rise, and extreme weather events, to safeguard Waiheke's environment and community.
- Sustainable Transportation:** Improve infrastructure and accessibility to encourage the use of public transport, cycling, and walking and reduce the island's carbon footprint.

In summary, WRT supports the Waiheke Local Board's 2025/2026 proposals and recommends integrating sustainability and community engagement across all initiatives to ensure the long-term well-being of Waiheke Island and its residents.

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

Environmental Restoration and Protection (Highest Priority) This aligns directly with WRT's ongoing work in wetland restoration, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable land management. Ensuring continued funding for ecological restoration, pest control, and native replanting is critical for maintaining Waiheke's natural environment. WRT would advocate for stronger integration of community-led conservation projects into Local Board funding and decision-making.

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No

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WRT's Position: A targeted rate should be a last resort—alternative funding models (grants, philanthropic partnerships, ethical sponsorship) should be fully explored first. If a targeted rate is considered, it should be tiered or opt-in to avoid unfairly burdening lower-income households. A full feasibility study must be conducted to assess environmental impacts and propose the most sustainable pool design. Would you like a formal response drafted with these points?

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Waiheke Resources Trust (WRT) is a community-driven environmental organization committed to sustainability, waste minimization, climate resilience, and regenerative practices on Waiheke Island. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Auckland Annual Plan 2025/2026 and Waiheke Local Board priorities. While we acknowledge the positive initiatives outlined in the plan, we have key concerns and recommendations to ensure that environmental sustainability and community well-being remain at the core of decision-making.

Key Areas of Feedback

- Stronger Climate Action Commitments** WRT urges the Local Board to adopt more proactive climate adaptation and resilience planning to address key environmental threats, including: Coastal erosion and sea-level rise mitigation through nature-based solutions like wetland restoration and dune protection. Incorporating climate resilience principles into all infrastructure projects to ensure longevity and sustainability. Investing in renewable energy solutions for public assets to reduce Waiheke's carbon footprint.
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- Water Security & Sustainable Infrastructure** Water management remains a critical issue for Waiheke. WRT recommends: Incentives for rainwater harvesting and greywater reuse to enhance water resilience. Improved stormwater management solutions to prevent runoff pollution and protect marine ecosystems. Sustainable infrastructure projects that prioritize water efficiency in community facilities and public spaces.
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- Targeted Rate for Community Pool Development** While WRT acknowledges the potential benefits of a community pool, we strongly advise: Exploring alternative funding mechanisms (grants, philanthropic partnerships, ethical sponsorships) before imposing a targeted rate. A full feasibility study on the environmental impact of a pool, ensuring eco-friendly design elements such as rainwater harvesting, solar heating, and efficient filtration. Community consultation on affordability and accessibility to ensure the funding model is fair and widely supported.

Conclusion Waiheke Resources Trust supports key aspects of the Waiheke Local Board's 2025/2026 proposals but emphasizes the need for stronger climate action, community-driven environmental initiatives, sustainable tourism policies, and equitable funding models. We urge Auckland Council and the

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Has achieved a good balance except for the insufficient financial support of the local Board to enable them to create a sustainable art community on Waiheke Island

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Support

Tell us why

good idea

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Support

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Also need to increase financial support the Waiheke Community Art Gallery as weell as supporting the library

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Other areas have swimming pools paid for by Council

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I think the mayor's doing quite a good job and I love his Insta posts! I'd also like to win the succulent Chinese meal please - I live in Auckland and thus can't afford to eat much! I especially like that you plan to increase capacity at animal shelters - ka pia. And yes please to more

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I don't know

Tell us why

If it worked it would be good. But accommodation prices are already pretty huge in Auckland, so .. I don't know.. If it gets Paul McCartney over here again, then ok, I'm in.

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We would all like a community swimming pool. But I guess those 1000 property owners who live off-island won't want to pay rates for something they won't use. However, they can afford to, I guess. And yes more community 'connectedness'. I want to help and hang out with the oldies - and they're the biggest demographic on our island. And our library is excellent and such a great resource, We defo need to take care of it.

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Tell us why

If that's the only way we'll get one .. Will we then have to pay to use it too?

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We need to sort the ferries out between Waiheke and the mainland. They are so expensive, and often for a terrible service. A lot of us are long-term residents and are being forced off-island and displaced from our community cos we just can't afford housing and rental costs on top of huge commuting costs.

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

Council needs to stop wasting money on roading impairments, speed humps and cycleways

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Some are wish to have , not need to have.

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Given the challenges Covid 19 created for our City, we need to be investing in getting our city moving again and growth. Stimulating our economy and getting optimized returns for businesses will get us back on track as a city, make our properties more valuable, give us my income surety. This should be seen as a short term approach to spending (5years) to really jump start and

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In line with my earlier remark about Auckland's need to invest heavily now to jump start tourism back to pre-covid levels and catalyse growth for our city, show we are a world-leading destination, creating optimism through the securing and hosting of major events and showcase to the world, airlines, cruise ship operators, international event owners, we are open and chomping at the bit to do business. Major events are the catalyst to do this. They provide the public with confidence and optimism and make them excited to live in a dynamic world-leading city, its actually the lead up to the events that create the most optimism for residents and for airlines considering putting us back on their destination list, Major events create the reason forwhy. From the earned media through hosting of events, gives us the greatest exposure for telling our story broadly across a wide arrange of sectors, connecting to people around their passion points, such as sport, music and events to connect Auckland to what they love and encourage them to travel here, do business here. The earned media through events will far exceed any marketing spend we can ever spend and it creates the connection with people on the level they are already connected on - their passion points.

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The pandemic was an unprecedented time and the economic recovery from that it is the most critical pillar right now to resolve. Creating optimism for our residence and showing the world Auckland is open for business and firing on all cylinders, is the top priority. Once we get our cylinders all firing again and the money coming in as a result we can invest more in roads and water. The bed levy or similar funding solution for Major events and destination marketing and leverage is the greatest tool in the chest to activate this strategy, we cant delay we need to be locking in 10years of major event content - NOW!

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Tell us why

There has been so much wastage - this could have funded the things you are wanting. - bike lanes that go nowhere, peter out with no connections; lack of use - how often do you see bikes on them?; extreme congestion in the city as a result - fewer lanes for buses and cars; resultant increase in fuel consumption due to congestion and increase in pollution, driver frustration, loss of

business as no road access for customers and delivery vehicles, taxis etc. Killing of the inner city - does not function - no inner heart. Dual language signage and safety PAs when everyone here speaks English, and tourists usually have a basic understanding of English (certainly not Te Reo); there is a time and place for this, but not on every sign, especially when we are short of money for basic needs of our city/country. Unfair distribution of rate money. Even higher rates to come. Waiheke Island raises a lot of money through their high rates but receive little in return for their infrastructure. Bed tax is just one more thing that adds to the already high costs in NZ for tourists, and has even more impact on the short-term accommodation providers who now pay even more rates for their small businesses Unfair distribution of spending, eg, rates are very high on Waiheke Island and yet we provide our own water, septic systems, we have poor or no lighting, virtually no footpaths, bumpy, poorly maintained roads, water pouring down our sections with lack of drainage. We are going to be hit with the cost of these events, despite lack or no interest; what about the rest of the country which enjoys these events too.

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We were told that one of the reasons for selling Airport shares is for avoiding rates increase, it seems not true at all. Our rates has been increased for 32% from 2022 to 2023, and 15% from 2023 to 2024. Now again will increase ?% 5.8% is only an average number, when comes to the

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

Support

Tell us why

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

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Waiheke Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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I don't know

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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.

I don't know

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

Make Waiheke a pest plant/weeds, rats free island.

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

Other

Tell us why

We don't need a community pool, the sea and beaches are sufficient for swimming.

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Less important

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

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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.

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.

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

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I don't know

Tell us why

Replacing the Rakino Wharf building is an absolute MUST

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Waiheke

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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 but be aware of the needs of the budgeting service please.

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Local resilience . Please help Budgetting service.

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

No

Tell us why

We have the sea and resources could be spent teaching sea swimming.

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Other

Tell us why

Most of us who have a visitor accommodation are retired or people trying to make ends meet. Most of us don't earn enough to pay GST but now have to. Reliant on a pension, we need the extra income to enable us to stay in our family home. We do all the cleaning etc of our visitor accommodation ourselves.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

We live beside an unsealed, narrow road in Onetangi which services a local restaurant and vineyard. Have been trying to get about 100 metres of this road sealed for years but have been fobbed off time and time again. The dust problem in summer and dry months is totally unacceptable but we have been totally ignored by AT and Council when we try to make contact.

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Why aren't improvements to our roads mentioned?

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Tell us why

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It would help if we could have different departments written in English. Where is mention of road improvements???

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Waiheke relies on tourism to support its restaurants vineyard. And tour operators. Short term visitors are critical to the local economy and require economical accommodation options like holiday homes. If prices rise or less accommodation is available it will have a negative impact on the island economy

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Support

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Do not support

Tell us why

Additional Bureaucracy: Additional costs - this extra work will cost holiday home owners in addition to the tax. Deterrent to short term rentals Will reduce visitors to Waiheke Keep prices down and look after providers of short term accomodation.

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Albert-Eden,Waiheke

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Support most

Tell us why

water infrastructure needed to be upgraded. Transport a major issue for Auckland and all surrounding areas- lacking cohesion and simple communication for anyone trying to utilize public transport on a regular basis- can't wait for this to get sorted properly to enable cheaper fares and more reliable use for people. Fairer funding for local communities to be consistent with amenities

like libraries becoming more important for easy access to help in the community and a central resource for all things relating to healthy communication at every level. Arts and sports/ recreation all contribute to healthy living in any area of the country.

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Do not support

Tell us why

NZ has a Visitor Levy at the border which has potential to embrace all aspects of visitor costs to communities. This is applied ONCE only on entry and then visitors are free to move on and enjoy their NZ experience without extra additional community taxes being applied. People can accept this with little hesitation for being in NZ for all the reasons they chose to travel here. It is very negative to then hit every step of their accommodation, as well as NZ residents and citizens then also having to pay an addition tax to enjoy any accommodation away from home- whether its to visit hospitals, relatives (not planning to be staying in family homes for whatever reason); this is a thorn in the side of the entire hospitality culture of NZ. NZ is proud of its amenities and therefore make the Visitor Levy the mechanism to collect funds and not impose the burden of implementing a new tax system under the guise of a Council controlled organisation operation. If Rates are honestly set this is better than pretending to have low rates and impose other additional charges to property owners already bearing the extra costs for another Tax- call it what it is and be honest. Hotels, motels and commercial properties are filling the city and keeping events in business, and people want to have a different experience in homes or other short term accommodation- why impose this extra Tax and remind people the ongoing expenses of travelling in NZ. People go to Australia easily without this; they pay Visa costs etc at the border and that's it done!

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Local parks and reserves are important for healthy community living, all need to be maintained. Sporting grounds and facilities also need upkeep to promote healthy community living. Swimming pools are a huge community asset and need to be maintaining/ developed to keep people in a healthy environment. Example: Waiheke Island community has been fundraising for 2 decades and still no pool? Vege/food waste roadside waste bins have some issues where not practical; likewise rubbish collection changes proposed in some difficult access areas- so these shouldn't be imposed on residents who can operate to form and choose to deal on a community level for disposal, Commercial small business/ shopping areas- villages /streets need attractive clean appearance for enticing customers to local shops. Reducing Liquor Stores (good to see the 9.00 Pm cut off time for sales) and Vape shops is needed to keep younger people safer and from this being dominant in their communities and building better living areas.. Small businesses are a huge convenience in reducing extra vehicle use for people to get convenient supplies from distant amenities.

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Support most

Tell us why

Common sense to keep areas well maintained and available for residents as well as visitors.

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

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Less important

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

Already commented/raised questions regarding swimming pools. For Waiheke and the state of fund raising by the Community- it is shocking that after 2 decades -still no pool! Residents have been behind this and giving up!

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No

Tell us why

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Rates charges should clearly reflect the costs of Auckland. Unfortunately it is difficult to have a totally clear understanding of current spending, wasteful use of funds and should not leveraged to compensate for mismanaged spending. Given the asset base of Auckland it is a travesty to have imposed extra costs on Auckland (or other areas of NZ)property owners. Projects like a Waterfront Stadium is an example of what Auckland ratepayers really cannot afford and do not want at their expense when there are other assets that could be utilised like Eden Park. We are not the city of Sydney, Melbourne or other highly populated countries with areas to pay for these proposed projects, no matter how much we like sport or concerts.

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Support all

Tell us why

Generally in line with LTP so no surprises

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Other

Tell us why

Additional funding coming from another source than ratepayers is appropriate and a bed night visitor levy could fairly be part of this, but it should apply to book a bach and Air b'n'b properties as well as commercial accommodation and that could be practically difficult. I would suggest that in addition to the bed night levy there also be a levy on functions held in the city.

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Support

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Proposals are ok but a lot more needs to be done ie more funding is needed. We have a lot of assets to support which are valuable to visitors.

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Items 1 and 2 , caring for and enhancing the environment and carrying out good maintenance of our assets are more important than the asset improvements in the other items. The Ostend and Oneroa village centres are already thriving and don't need revitalising.

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

Yes

Tell us why

An investigation will indicate how much the community values a pool. The investigation should also cover likely ongoing operational costs and whether these would need to be met by an ongoing targeted rate.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Increased Bureaucracy: The cost of implementing this tax will be significant for both the council and short-term rental providers. A '\$9 a year' rates reduction for Aucklanders does not justify the added complexity and administrative burden. As shown previously when Auckland Council tried to implement this tax, the expected millions of dollars recovered fell FAR short and cost the ratepayers much more than it returned! Negative Impact on Waiheke Businesses: Waiheke's economy depends on tourism, with restaurants, vineyards, and tour operators relying on visitors - though we notice that none of these tourism related businesses are to be taxed! Affordable accommodation options like holiday homes are crucial. If prices increase or availability decreases, the island's economy will suffer. No Direct Benefit to Short-Term Rental Providers: The tax revenue will go towards council funding gaps for major events and promotions, rather than directly supporting accommodation providers or the tourism industry. Waiheke operators are unlikely to see any benefit, as event-driven tourism mainly benefits central Auckland. Unfair Burden on Small Operators: Unlike hotels, which can absorb extra costs, small-scale operators rely on seasonal income and tight profit margins. This tax could make it difficult to continue offering accommodation. Waiheke holiday home owners should not be burdened with funding major events in Auckland! Ongoing Taxation Concerns: Short-term rental owners already pay rates and GST. Adding yet another tax makes it increasingly difficult to sustain these businesses. Not a True Visitor Tax: In Europe, visitor taxes are charged per person, per night, and directly fund tourism-related improvements. This tax, however, is a percentage-based levy on accommodation providers, who must absorb the cost without seeing any direct benefit. It is unfair in every way! Conclusion: This bed tax will harm short-term rental operators, Waiheke residents, and Aucklanders overall. I urge the Council to reconsider and seek fairer, more balanced solutions that do not disproportionately impact small accommodation providers.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Too Much Red Tape, Not Enough Benefit! Trying to bring back this tax will be a nightmare for both the Council and short-term rental providers. The cost of setting it up and running it far outweighs the tiny '\$9 a year' rates reduction for Aucklanders. Last time they tried, it was a disaster—millions were expected, but the actual revenue fell way short, costing ratepayers more than it brought in! Bad News for Waiheke Businesses! Waiheke's economy runs on tourism—our restaurants, vineyards, and tour operators need visitors to survive. Strangely, none of these businesses are to be taxed, but affordable accommodation providers are? If holiday home prices go up or options shrink, which they very likely will, fewer tourists will come, and the whole island will feel the impact. No Benefit to the People Paying It! The money raised won't go to helping short-term rental providers or even directly supporting tourism, especially on Waiheke Island. Instead, it'll plug Council funding gaps for big events—mostly in central Auckland. Waiheke operators won't see a cent of it. Unfair on Small-Scale Hosts! Hotels can absorb extra costs—small holiday home owners can't. They rely on seasonal income and already have tight margins. This tax could push some out of business. Waiheke hosts shouldn't be forced to pay for major Auckland events! More Taxes, Less Sustainability! Short-term rental owners already pay rates and GST. Stacking yet another tax on top makes it even harder to keep these businesses going. Not a Real Visitor Tax. In Europe, visitor taxes are per person, per night, and go directly into improving tourism. This one? It's just a percentage slapped onto accommodation providers, with zero direct benefit to them or visitors. It's unfair and ineffective. This tax will hurt short-term rental owners, damage Waiheke's economy, and barely help Aucklanders. The Council needs to rethink this and find a fairer solution that doesn't put all the pressure on small accommodation providers.

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

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User pays. I believe the pool, for which funding has been progressing for over 30 years, should be built by the council and users fees collected by the council.

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Oh yeah. I don't like the bed night visitor. Tax because I have friends from overseas coming to stay, and I don't think it's fair to have a blanket rule like that. Um, it might also put other people off coming to Auckland. I also think it's a really weird name. Bad night visitor attacks, it doesn't make sense. Um, Yeah.

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Yeah, I live in [PII]. And um Like Will we really get a community pool? We've been hearing that for a long time. Can you look at rental housing availability? Can you help with that because. It's hardly any and it's really expensive and people are. You know, sleeping in the cars. And I'd like a better, cheaper ferry service cause Fuller suck, man. They're shit and they're really expensive. And that's not fair. There's 9000 of us in here needing to commute. And I think we need more more social clubs and more things to do in the winter. Can you sort that? Thanks, [PII].

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