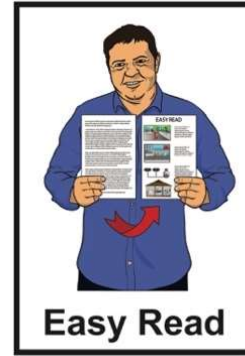


# Auckland Council

*Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau*



## Long-term Plan

2024 to 2034:

Tell us what you think

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1. Do you think the idea is a good one?

Yes

No

Not sure



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## About this document



This is an Easy Read document from Auckland Council about their **Long-term Plan 2024 to 2034**.



In this Easy Read document the words **we / our** means Auckland Council.



**Long-term** means over a long time.



The **Long-term Plan 2024 to 2034** is about how we:

- want to make Auckland better over the next 10 years
- will look after the money to make sure we do this.





The new long-term plan will start in June 2024.



Before we decide what to do we want to know what you think about our long-term plan ideas.



On **page 14** you can find information on how you can tell us what you think of our long-term plan ideas.



You can tell us what you think between:

- **28 February 2024**
- to
- **28 March 2024.**

# About our central proposal



Our **central proposal** is what we think is the best long-term plan for the next 10 years.

The main points of our central proposal are:

- keeping important activities / services going without using more money
- spending money where it is needed the most.





Our central proposal includes using about 40 billion dollars as **capital investment**.



**Capital investment** means buying things which will support Auckland Council to be better.



This includes things like:

- buildings
- land
- machinery.





Our central proposal also includes using about 70 billion dollars for things like:



- making **public transport**
  - faster
  - easier to use



- making Auckland stronger against flooding.



**Public transport** is the ways travel around Auckland that anyone can use like:

- buses
- trains
- ferries.

# How we are going to pay for this



Our central proposal includes people paying higher **rates**.



**Rates** is the money you pay to your Council.



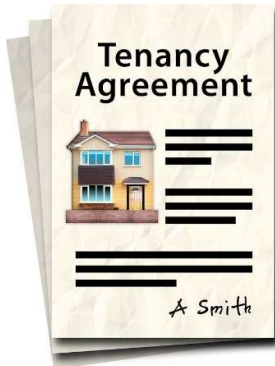
Councils use the money from rates to pay for lots of things things like:

- water pipes / systems
- roading / footpaths
- libraries
- parks / playgrounds
- sports grounds.





If you own your home the amount of rates you pay is worked out based on what your property is worth.



If you rent a house your landlord may use some of your rent money towards the rates they pay.

This means if rates go up then your rent costs may go up too.



Rates will go up by:

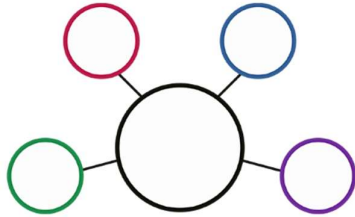
- about 8 percent in year 1
- about 4 percent in year 2
- about 8 percent in year 3
- about 2 percent above **inflation** each year after that.







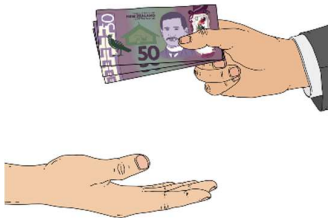
**Inflation** is how much the cost of things goes up every year.



We could pay for all the activities / services we propose in different ways.



One way is by making an **Auckland Future Fund**.



The **Auckland Future Fund** is money that would be kept to use in time / years to come in Auckland.



If we set up an Auckland Future Fund we would not need to use money from rates as much as we do now.



All the parts of Auckland Airport that Auckland Council owns would likely be sold over time to add money to the Auckland Future Fund.



Another way we would add money to the Auckland Future Fund is to **lease** the Port of Auckland.



**Leasing** is when people pay to use things.

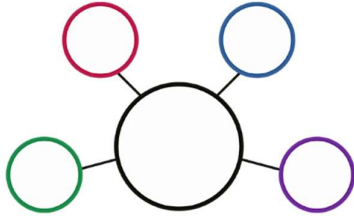


Here this would be things the Auckland Council owns like:



- land
- docks / wharves
- equipment.

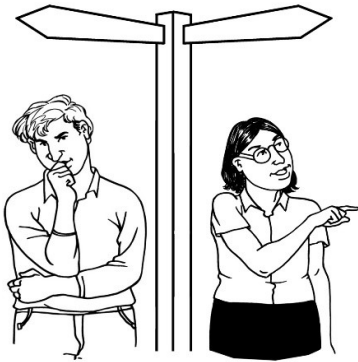
## Other ideas



There are other ideas for our long-term plan.

We could:

- **do less** than what we are suggesting in our central proposal
- **do more** than what we are suggesting in our central proposal.



## Doing less



Doing less would mean:

- we spend less money now
- rates do not have to go up as high
- we have lower **debt** levels.

**Debt** is how much money we would have to give back to where we borrowed it from like the bank.

Spending less money now means:

- stopping some activities / services
- slowing down on starting anything new.

Spending less money now would look like:



- less bus services
- no money being spent on big events
- no money being spent on making Auckland stronger against flooding
- less money being spent on things like:
  - community development – making communities better
  - **public art.**

**Public art** is art that everyone can see in places like parks.

## Doing more

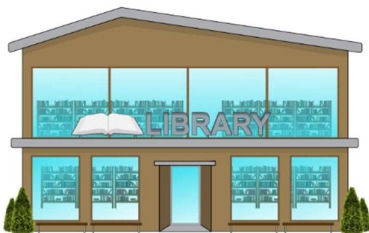


Doing more would mean:

- spending more money now
- spending more money on transport services like buses
- rates going up higher than what we have said in our central proposal
- more debt
- more events
- better funding for **local boards**.

**Local boards** are groups of people who work within the Auckland Council for different communities / areas around Auckland.

# How to tell us what you think



To let us know what you think about our long-term plan you can:

- go to this website:

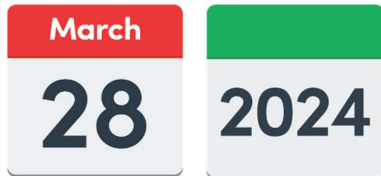
**[akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](http://akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan)**

- phone:

**09 301 0101**

- visit your local:

- library
- service centre.



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- **28 February 2024**
- to
- **28 March 2024.**

Decisions on the long term plan will be made in **June 2024.**



We will put the long-term plan information on our website:



**[akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](http://akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan)**





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