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**Emergency Budget 2020/2021  
Aotea Great Barrier Local Board**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** Because you didn't give me the option to say zero rise. Reduce staff numbers by at least 12%. Obviously now you're cutting back on everything you won't be doing as much and won't need so many people. Reduce salaries by 20% for those earning over 100k. 10% reduction for everyone left.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** This is all due to government immigration policy. Feel sorry for you.

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** Council functions and ecological work need to continue

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Better than giving them a grant as they still pay but get longer to do it.

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** They need to pay for the increased costs of the city hosting visitors

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Environmental work must continue, the council should not be supporting business most particularly tourism businesses which have a big impact and do not add much to the city. i.e. cruise ships ...what a waste of time has the building of the wharf extension been stopped I hope so this is an example fo infrastructure that does not help Aucklanders at all.

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** I'm not sure how much we require to fund civic maintenance and improvements

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** These people/businesses need compensation for losses incurring through no fault of their own

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** To support tourism businesses and/or accommodation providers

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I pretty much agree with the decisions made on most issues

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** Water and sewerage infrastructure is essential and should not be underinvested.

However I do not support town centre betterment. We must recognise the way our communities are changing, and particularly retailing. Council staff with wages in excess of \$150,000 should reduce their pay to reflect what is happening in their own communities. Short meetings, performance measures, and efficient systems are what the communities deserve.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** I support it, but not the interest and admin fees.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** The rates in rease should be zero. Councilmshould mothball or cancelmall vanity or non-essential projects including the loop rail, all cycleways not already completed, all project work on light rail.

There should be a major cost-benefit review of all existing projects and departments, and a targeted staff reduction of not fewer than 15% of permanent staff. ATEED should be dramatically restructured and substantially reduced to a small PR liaison function.

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**Comments:** This should be permanently cancelled.

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The council has always run on a cost plus basis, or rather a cost double plus basis. It is unacceptable that the debt levels have reached this stage. Simply increasing the rates and continuing to spend is unacceptable. The time for ruthless cost cutting and serious cost management and cost benefit analyses for all projects is well overdue. Auckland Council and the CCOs are a vast, bloated, unaccountable bureaucracy which fails to deliver value for its ratepayers or residents. Cost accountability must be a driver from this point. In a time of global financial carnage for the council to even consider a rates increase is frankly obscene.

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** Zero increase if possible. Many have lost jobs or furloughed. Retirees with no access to pension face reduced income with falling interest rates for term deposits. If Council were a household with

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**Comments:**

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**Comments:**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** Good to keep rates low for Auckland folks

## **2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** If pals have financial hardship it is only fair that they are given some time to pay.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Covid19 pandemic comes before tourism.

Better take care of national emergency first.

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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Don't overuse security guards. They are intimidating and most are bullies.

Cops MUST focus on felony more than misdemeanour. Ripping large money off people who committed misdemeanours is NOT correct.

No racism in NZ. Gotta arrest anyone who supports racism.

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#5196



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** To allow for infrustrcture spending

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Need to be flexible

## 3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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**Response:** I support the proposal

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** Tax the homeowners

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** Tax the homeowners

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** To better balance the budget.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Some have nothing; I have something.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** I do not support cake and circuses.....

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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That ALL people have enough to eat, warm accommodation and decent health care.

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** More savings to be made from staff earning over \$100 000 - or restructure. The goal should be all council employment should provide a living wage.

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**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** This is delaying the hardship but not removing the problem.

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

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Tinkering with the numbers but not looking at this through a reasonable equity and responsibility lens.

Cleaning, waste and public toilets available are essential services.

Americas cup only benefits an elite few - there is no trickle down process.

Employment and retraining/apprenticeships within council should be considered.

Preparedness for climate change, major storm events should not be compromised.

Parks and green spaces should be maintained - important for health and well being

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#8469



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#### Which increase do you support?

#### Response:

**Comments:** there should be no rates increase as all the council has done is make our life a lot harder, with crippling

traffic and no apparent planning to make our city better

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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you should get rid of half your staff as the council is a bloated shambles, building consents and red tape

ae a joke

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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Try and reduce funding / contract cost to contractors and community funding. This will help keep employment and reduce the impact of covid-19. Town centre project and transport can wait a year or two and are not priority.

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** In our home we both lack full employment and need to cut costs everywhere.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** It doesnt really solve the problem because it just postpones the pain. It should be interest free,

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Its only fair

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#9587



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** I support no increase. I understand Council has suffered a reduction in revenue, like all of us. Maybe Council should reduce overheads, like all of us starting with the payroll.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** Rate postponement is not dealing with the crises in the long term. Council still has not grasped the reality of the situation. Council is a huge business with a problem, reduce your overheads and don't expect to just carry on regardless.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Great, now we are talking.

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Listen to your ratepayers. Maybe think again of a Citizen Tax and not expect the ratepayer to carry the entire burden of Council inefficiencies.

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

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**Comments:**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** Because I dont want you bludgers getting the city in more debt than you already have. You need to increase efficiencies in everything you do.

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**Comments:**

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Yes, you need to get better at the efficiency of what you do and supply. I am sick and tired of seeing empty or half empty buses driving around the city streets, extend the times between the buses.

Get a better contractor working on the construction jobs in the city, JFC gets all the jobs in Auckland and his employees are so slow and lazy watching them [not] work is pathetic, you need to go to tender and put better results for them to attain as they are soooo inefficient and I am sick of watching them work so slowly.. If you are going to spend our money spend it wisely and efficiently there just looks to be waste everywhere. The guys cleaning the rubbish bins, they clean some bins way too much and some way too little and they use plastic bags for all the bins and replace the bags every time even with minimal rubbish in them it's a waste. Survey the busy bins in the city center. Cancel all light rail projects as this is a total waste of our money. Connect the normal train from Puhinui to the airport.

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**Comments:**

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Great Barrier has an extraordinary environment, unique in inhabited islands in NZ and increasingly sought after as a destination in the current no-overseas-travel COVID situation. For those of us who live here or are ratepayers the over 50% drop in the environmental budget will be devastating. Not only will there be reduced funding to the Glenfern sanctuary but predator trapping - critical to maintain hard fought and mostly volunteer gains - will be reduced; and work on tracks, planting, and kauri dieback will also suffer. If you check the income data, for Auckland City Great Barrier residents are among the poorest in Auckland and desperately need both the jobs and the income generated by environment work and tourism. If you must cut the environment budget - which I believe is misguided and contrary to all our climate mitigation goals and obligations - it should not be cut on Aotea/Great Barrier. Thank you.

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#14118



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** I think we should have 0% rates increase. The council are inept and are overpaid for the services they dont provide.

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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#14128



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** ldk usooo

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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Nothing.... sorry usooo

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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#14413



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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it is vey important that Environment Services budgets are not cut. These are a crucial compenent to our long term sustainability of our environment and protecting native species

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#15156



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**Which increase do you support?**

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** It is absolutely imperative that key council services are not cut at this time. A 2.5% rates increase would be catastrophic for many services that are important to our local communities. It's a false economy.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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I believe in action on climate change - we cannot take our foot off that pedal because of Covid-19.

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#15808



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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#16962



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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#17099



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** We need to get things working again.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** covid-19 has shown us that tourism is not the low-impact, sustainable, environmentally friendly source of income that we saw it as. We can't go on kidding ourselves that flying 3 million people a year to and from New Zealand to get money out of their p

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I support reinstating the environmental services budgets which council is proposing to cut. I do not support a reduction in any budgets that help us restore and protect the natural environment on Aotea Great Barrier.

The current proposal more than halves the environmental services capital project budget, from 17 million to 7 million - the highest proportional drop in the council.

These are very small sums in the context of the total budget but would have a major negative impact on pest control, marine biosecurity, and the ongoing wellbeing of our high ecological value areas which are one of our biggest drawcards for international tourism.

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#17477



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**Comments:**

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**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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#17672



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** I don't support a rates rise this financial year, but there wasn't an option provided for this response.

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**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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Everyone's income will be adversely affected this year which means that businesses and individuals will all have to take a look at their finances and make some changes and tough decisions wherever necessary. Council should be doing this too, leading by example and cutting costs not clinging to a rate rise that will impact negatively on its constituents.

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#17760



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** I agree times are hard but cutting services causes hardship now and delaying capital projects only hand the burden on to future ratepayers

## 2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** OK in theory but if people can't pay now they are unlikely to be able to pay later

## 3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

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I strongly oppose the proposal to more than halve the Environmental Services capital budget from \$17million to \$7million - the highest proportional drop in the council. Cutting actions that will prevent things like kauri dieback will have long term effects. Once kauri is lost they won't come back. I spend time on Aotea and know that cutting back on funds for community trapping and essential maintenance of the historic Glenfern buildings will mean increased costs in the future.

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#17862



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**Your local board:** Aotea/Great Barrier

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**Name of organisation/business:**

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### Questions

#### 1. General rates increase for 2020/2021

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With a lower rate increase of 2.5 per cent, we would need to further reduce spending on council services and further delay investment in transport, parks and community and town centre projects.

**Which increase do you support?**

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** Because you are proposing cuts in areas which I consider too important not to fund, such as the halting of kauri dieback. Loss of funding risks wasting what you have already spent on this matter. The kauri is

New Zealand; Auckland is at the heart of kauri country. You have a national responsibility .

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** The financial impact of Covid-19 has been severe, in some cases forcing the closure of small businesses.

As people struggle to get back onto their feet, rates are the last thing they need to have to pay.

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

Do you have feedback on any other issues including the in-principle decisions made from the first round of consultation?

The Environmental Services you fund, such as marine biosecurity and pest control, depend mostly on continuity. One may suspend painting a house halfway, it does not matter; to stop eradicating a pest means the proliferation of that pest, making future efforts far more expensive. Marine biosecurity is equally made more expensive if it is interrupted.

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#18097



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**Your local board:** Aotea/Great Barrier

**Name of organisation/business:** Manuel Pou family whanau trust

### Questions

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** The people can not afford u stifling the life owt of them

## 2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** U have not adhered nor ocomplied too the original trust deed acts mandates nor the treaty act mandates the rules regulations legislation's policies legislative duties have not been met an now we need Sumone held accountble responsible liable for the fail

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** No recognition of kaupapa of respect for laws of this land adhere comply

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues including the in-principle decisions made from the first round of consultation?

Comply too all mandates of this nation or be held accountable.

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#18738



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### Questions

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** We cannot afford not to do these things.

## 2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** There will be some folk who have been hit hard financially by this issue, and every little helps.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** Our local population is already moving around, and enjoying the attractions, so ATEED needs to continue its work.

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues including the in-principle decisions made from the first round of consultation?

I wonder what the rate rise would be if all the items were to proceed!

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#18828



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** This is a minimal impact per household but the overall extra 1% supports ensuring any stopping or slowing of vital works on infrastructure are minimised

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** gives option to those who are truly financially compromised at this time

## 3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** this seems a fair balance between fair tax on an income but provides time for some recovery in this sector

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

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#19085



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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#19135



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** It will make a difference, is affordable, and these are desperate times.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** It's fair

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** It's a good way to offer support and respect for this industry

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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#19572



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### Questions

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** A 3.5% was previously consulted on and the feedback was positive for this increase. I am at a loss as to why 2.5% has now come into the mix when the budgetary implications of that increase are

horrendous. Looking at the Emergency Budget as a whole council is being considerate in other areas by offering remissions and suspension of other revenue collecting fields.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** It's good to see the proposed budget acknowledging the financial impact faced by our ratepayers who will be struggling post COVID-19. My only concern is for those large ratepayers who may not be in a financial position when the postponement scheme finish

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Once again, this is an acknowledgement that accommodation providers will be struggling post COVID-19 and this offers them a helping hand during this re-build period.

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

Do you have feedback on any other issues including the in-principle decisions made from the first round of consultation?

So much has changed since the first round of consultation it's good to see council acknowledging the new era we find ourselves in and re-branding this the "Emergency Budget".

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#19589



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:**

## **2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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#19655



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### Submitter details

**Your local board:** Aotea/Great Barrier

**Name of organisation/business:** Destination Great Barrier Island Trust

### Questions

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With a lower rate increase of 2.5 per cent, we would need to further reduce spending on council services and further delay investment in transport, parks and community and town centre projects.

#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** Auckland Council should look at trimming down some of their services. Organisations like ATEED are becoming very top heavy and it seems practical expertise is lacking. Recently there have been a

few instances for our organisation where questions could not be answered by those that should have been in the know, and referrals to relevant people could not be made. Time for a reshape? New infrastructure, reducing debt levels and support of practical and immediate employment and business activity, yes. Less talk, less exorbitant pay for council employees (who is taking a pay cut there?), less paper shuffling, more actual action.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Yes, help to keep viable businesses going. It's them who will keep the money coming in the long term.

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Yes, suspend the TRAP, but keep supporting small local events, rather than exclusive large ones.

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#19692



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**Your local board:** Aotea/Great Barrier

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**Name of organisation/business:**

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### Questions

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:**

## 2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** Do not support increasing debt over what people are already holding, may result in more administrative costs to council and debt in the long term to ratepayers over and above what is anticipated. Risk of supporting unsustainable businesses- and ratepayers

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** Accommodation providers will likely be hard hit in Auckland by lack of international travel, removing the targeted rate, allows them to maximise return from customers they do have or and offer accommodation at a more favourable rate to attract customers.

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

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Now is an opportunity to bring about significant change to the way we do things in Auckland and in NZ to create a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable future and I support the use of rates to do this.

I support the retention of the targeted natural environment rate and the targeted water rate.

It is important to me that our city and our country is brave to look at new ways of doing things that puts care of our air, water (fresh and sea), land and native species alongside care for our people and economy. This includes ways to educate and dis-incentivize creation of waste, rather than ways to support it, for industry especially, and for households. Do not support waste to energy schemes, as these do not incentivize the reduction of waste/resource use.

Consider more investment in support of reduced water use above greater water supply, and other initiatives that support a less wasteful and less consumer orientated lifestyle and economy, including support for cyclical economies rather than linear.

I support an increase in the targeted water rate (for water use above a limit that is agreed conservative for a general household) if required to ensure water supply, this could also be used to support localised water collection schemes (individual properties or parks etc) to build greater resilience.

It is important that Auckland City is easily accessible by cyclists and walkers, that motorcycles and shared transport are supported.

The care for what we do not see below our waters is as important as the care for what we do see on our land, and in our air. This will require individuals and organisations making personal sacrifices.

We have proven we can work together and make sacrifices for the good of everyone, the changes we made during Covid-19 lock-down, improved the state of the natural environment also. These learnings can help us re-imagine the future.

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#19718



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** The government has been very generous and helped many people during the covid-19 lockdown. I don't mind helping the people and I'm willing to have a rate increase.

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** I support the proposal as written that people who take the deferment do have to pay it back with interest and administration fees.

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** We all have to help keep NZ the best country in the world with the most intelligent government.

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues including the in-principle decisions made from the first round of consultation?

Yes, I think NZ goofed up big time by not testing for Covid-19 BEFORE PEOPLE GET ON AIRPLANES BOUND FOR NZ. People testing positive should be turned away from the gate and never get on a plane to NZ. This is harsh but necessary.

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#19771



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### Questions

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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#19966



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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#20261



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** a 2.5% average rates increase still means a significantly higher rates increase for households even before the increases in targeted charges.

Council must get serious about holding or reducing their costs and improving efficiencies across the board. Of course if people are asked whether they want specific services they will say yes but the Council needs to limit rates increases to around inflation levels and budget and operate within the limits. Citizens will have to accept that there is a limit to funds.

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** If a ratepayer is paying up to \$20,000 in rates then they are hardly in the bracket of "less well off".

Perhaps a more targeted deferment of rates up to \$1000 would be more equitable.

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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### **What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:** The hospitality industry does need some relief.

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

Do you have feedback on any other issues including the in-principle decisions made from the first round of consultation?

The sky path is a complete waste of ratepayer's money

Forget light rail ... connect airport by "heavy" rail loop from Punui to Onehunga

develop better integrated transport hub downtown (Britomart) ferries, trains, local buses and intercity buses.

stop considering shifting the port. (waste of everyone's time and money.

reduce number of Local Boards

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#21089



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** Excellent - council needs to live within their means. Auckland Council have over extended themselves at the best of times with their spending, they try to be everything to everyone. They need to live within their means.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** Auckland Council needs to have a bloody good look at themselves.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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Covid 19 has pointed out the short comings in the Auckland Council.

1. They have over extended themselves in projects throughout Auckland, hence the blow out in costs. Auckland Council is a huge bloated bureaucracy just like a government department. That costs huge sums of money. In fact Auckland Council costs more than a government department. 86 Auckland Council employees are paid more than \$250,000, what the ??? Auckland Council has an open cheque book. Auckland Council wants to be everything to everyone. Hence the blow outs. Auckland does not need ATEED. Privatised it. Why has Auckland Council involved with Maori Auckland Council have over committed themselves big time, at huge expense to the ratepayer. Watercare! Council waited 7 years for consenting (RMA) to acquire water from Waikato River. Auckland now short of water. What a joke.

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#21103



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:** If anyone owes the \$20,000 in rates they own far too much. Let them sell some assets. Maybe poorer people could then afford houses.

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### What do you think of our proposal?

**Response:** I don't support the proposal

**Comments:**

## 4. Other feedback - what is important to you?

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Stop giving money to Americas Cup. Total waste in these times. Especially when they are getting millions. Stop mowing roadsides here on the Barrier - its turning us into Waiheke just for the rich again. Beautifying beauty???

Pay decreases for the highest paid in Auckland City Council eg The mayors pay. The councilors do the actual work.

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#21345



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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The current proposal more than halves the Environmental Services capital project budget, with a drop from \$17 million to \$7 million – the highest proportional drop in the council. This should not occur, the loss of funding will be devastating for an already beleaguered environment

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#33009



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

## **2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#33967



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** About rates, the government should give some subsidy. 1. All people should work together for national economic development. 2. Businesses especially restaurants get subsidy. 3. Prize money for those key industries and companies that employ new workers.

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**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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**Response:**

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#34049



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** How can you increase the rates when our income is reducing.

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**Response:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** I think the rates should be reduced.

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** Now everyone is not working,

It's not good to raise rates

## **2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

## **3. Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#34277



## Emergency Budget 2020/2021

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### Questions

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:** may be 2.5% decrease ?

## **2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#34387



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

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**Comments:** YES

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** The rates increase is inevitable, but is easy to cause public resentment. But if it is really necessary to raise the rates for various construction projects, the lower the better.

## **2. Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#34412



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#34440



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:**

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**Response:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 2.5 per cent

**Comments:** I may accept this increase rate.

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**Response:**

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** YES

**Comments:** YES

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** 3.5 per cent

**Comments:** We need our cultural services and local board funding

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

## **4. Other feedback - what is important to you?**

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Keep all arts funding. There is serious underspending in this area. We need this stuff now more than ever.

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#34897



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#### Which increase do you support?

**Response:** I don't know

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

**Response:** I support the proposal

**Comments:**

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**What do you think of our proposal?**

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**Comments:**

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