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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Howick

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.

In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.

Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.

Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

My submission aligns with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which shows that cap of rates growth is achievable only by reining in non-essential expenditure.Key points and requests:- Expenditure reductions: I support reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual increases. A more efficient organisational footprint will directly ease rate pressure.- Specific program cuts: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. Reallocating those funds to essential

services is prudent.- Payroll and vacancies: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Maori Outcomes funding: Cut Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government role. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants will better reflect community needs.- Overall budget discipline: The Council's personnel costs and other expenses have risen well beyond inflation between 2022 and 2025 and 78% growth in operating expenditure (2013“2023) far outstrips the 29% inflation. A focused realignment is needed.Rationale:- The proposed increase compounds long-term ratepayer burdens. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%well above inflation and population growthundermining affordability for households. Reducing non-essential spend is the most responsible path to stabilise rates without sacrificing essential services.- The proposed approach to new assets and ongoing CRL costs should be revisited to prioritise core services and essential maintenance over expanding non-essential projects.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7436,338765,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit this objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge an immediate reduction in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the 7.9% average rise. The proposed increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outpacing cumulative inflation and population growth. A rates increase of this magnitude without demonstrable protective outcomes for essential services is not acceptable.Grounded in the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth in these areas. Current data show substantial outlays on payroll and external advisors driving up operating costs beyond reasonable limits. A more disciplined approach to personnel and external contracting is essential.I subscribe to the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes to cap average residential rates increases at 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million. This would be achieved through: freezing non-essential hiring and reducing payroll costs capping consultancy spend pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Such measures would significantly ease the burden on households while preserving core functions.Key concerns include the overall growth in operating expenditure and the heavy reliance on consultants and high payroll costs. Direct operating expenditure has grown substantially compared with inflation and payroll costsalongside 'other expenses'have outpaced inflation markedly. A credible plan to curb these costs is overdue and necessary to restore public trust and fairness in rates.I request the opportunity to present my submission at hearings to outline the case for a conservative service-focused budget.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7450,338751,,Howick,Do not support most,The proposed increase equating to about $320 for the average household is not justified by the current performance of Council services and is well above

inflation.Key concerns and rationale- The rate rise is fatally misaligned with residents' ability to pay. The Council's own figures show a 7.9% average increase with 4.4% allocated to CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This compounds a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 in 2022 dollars far outpacing general inflation.- Council spending patterns are untenable. Spending on consultants stands at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving roughly $200k. Payroll and related costs have grown substantially with staff numbers and remuneration rising at well above inflation only worsening the pressure on ratepayers.- A targeted alternative Budget is required. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% of the budget) to cap the rate rise at around 3% funded by: $50 million by reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million by capping consultants; $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional specific measures- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million annually which allegedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this function is not a core local government responsibility.In summary I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance approach of slashing non-essential expenditure and only funding essential services thereby keeping rates increases within a prudent affordable range.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7455,338746,,Howick,Do not support most,The current rate path is unsustainable for households while the Council pursues growth without delivering commensurate value.Key concerns and positions:- Agrees: Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%. The proposed increase would add about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (well beyond general inflation) and a 85% rise in rates since the Super City amalgamation.- Agrees: The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Agrees: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Agrees: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this would provide immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Agrees: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government function.- Agrees: Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping spending on consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points:- The sooner a practical review reduces bloated payroll and back-office functions the sooner ratepayers feel the benefits in their wallets and trust in Council leadership.- If the Council maintains current spending trajectories any further rate increases will outstrip household capacity and public confidence.In conclusion I urge the Council to adopt a disciplined budget that caps rate rises around 3% by pursuing concrete efficiency gains scrapping non-essential programmes and focusing on essential statutory services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7461,338740,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending. The current average rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation. If approved the 7.9% rise translates to approximately $320 for the average household.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase; a fairer approach is to cap increases by targeting inflation and essential services.2) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.I note the Council's proposed funding split: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth via new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. To deliver meaningful relief I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) bringing the average rate increase toward 3%. This would be achieved by: limiting personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50 million) capping consultancy spending ($50 million) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million) and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).Closing: I respectfully request that my submission be considered in the hearing process and that these savings be examined as a priority.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7484,338717,,Howick,Do not support most,1. Opposition to the 7.9% average residential rates increaseI oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to roughly $320 for the average household. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. In the current climate rates must better reflect real performance and value for ratepayers.2. Reducing wasteful expenditureThe Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curtail spend on consultants and professional services. The Alliance' briefing shows consultants cost about $126 million per year with the Auckland Council parent accounting for $60 million and average consultants receiving around $200k. Direct operating expenditures have risen far faster than inflation while payroll and 'other expenses' have grown significantly. A sustainable path requires tightening these costs.3. Spending on specific programsI support cancelling non-essential programs that do not deliver clear public benefit or that impose unnecessary costs such as the Food Scraps Program which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.4. Staffing and payroll considerationsI support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately and I support reducing double staffing on projects by utilising a single contractor or one internal resource per project.5. Māori-specific spendingI oppose ongoing funding for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at around $10 million per year

arguing that this is not a core local government function.Additional pointWhile recognizing rising costs rate increases should not exceed overall cost growth without community support for specific projects ideally as temporary project costs rather than a permanent fixture. True efficiency requires reducing both internal and external consultancy use and avoiding duplicate staffing.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7493,338708,,Howick,Do not support most,I am speaking as a ratepayer who wants Auckland to run properly and affordably.Key points:- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. With the current average bill at $4069 a 7.9 percent rise translates to about $320 more per year for the average household and options must be found to keep increases in line with or below inflation.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to continue rising.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this step alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose additional Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- The Council should adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at about 3 percent achieved through a mix of personnel cost reductions a cap on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points:- Stop unnecessary spending that doesn't relate to infrastructure and core services; align remaining spend with delivering reliable services and improving Auckland's functioning.- Real increases since 2022 have been 30 percent in rates in real terms while inflation has risen about 12 percent. Since 2010 rates have risen 85 percent outpacing inflation and population growth.I request careful reconsideration of the proposed increase and the targeted reductions outlined above prioritising essential services and prudence in non-core spending.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7504,338697,,Howick,Do not support most,The current rate path is unsustainable for households with real increases well above inflation since the 2010 amalgamation and a sharp rise in overall running costs.Key context from community research shows that the proposed increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Given the scale of wasteful spending identified in the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing a more prudent approach is required. The Alliance' alternative budget advocates for reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping consultants and discretionary spending and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. In particular I urge:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles saving around $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services reserving discretionary grants for core community needs at $20 million.These

steps would help cap the average residential rates increase to around 3 percent preventing further erosion of household budgets. In addition I support the following measures to curb wasteful expenditure:- Reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cutting spend on consultancy and professional services.- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and purportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could immediately save at least $17 million.- Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government function and consumes about $10 million per year.I request that the Council consider these measures seriously and adjust the draft plan accordingly.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7523,338677,,Howick,Do not support most,The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% (in 2022 dollars) vs. 12% inflation. A 7.9% rise is well above inflation and far above reasonable efficiency gains.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services spending. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows consultants cost around $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k and spending on consultants and contractors totalling $590 million. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well beyond inflation while eighteen corporate and business support functions consumed $868.4 million in direct expenditure. These are priorities for reduction.I also call for scrapping the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Additionally freezing staffing and/or not filling vacant non-essential roles would yield immediate savings of at least $17 million.A further necessary reform is to cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants not broad expenditure in this area.Provisions in the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget show a feasible path to cap the rate rise to around 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%). This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions through organisational change and a hiring freeze $50 million by capping consultant spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I request consideration of these measures to deliver real value for ratepayers and to avoid further erosion of household budgets.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7524,338676,,Howick,Do not support most,Key reasons for opposition:1) Rates trajectory vs. value. The proposed 7.9% average rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). This is beyond acceptable burden for households.2) Wasteful and increased expenditure. Council spending on consultants averages $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k. Direct operating expenditure rose 78%

from 2013 to 2023 well above cumulative inflation. Payroll and related costs have grown substantially with 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor.3) Specific spend reductions proposed. The Alliance's alternative budget recommends a $150 million reduction in new spending (about 2%) which would cap rate increases to roughly 3% by:- Freezing non-essential roles and pursuing organisational changes to cut $50 million in personnel costs.- Capping consulting and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.4) Agreed measures to improve efficiency. The Council must cut corporate and backroom functions and reduce spend on consultants and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. In addition the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Disagree with expanding non-core programmes. The Council should stop Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government function.Additional points. Stop the City Rail Link as it appears to be a poor-value project given current cost pressures. Please honour ratepayers by delivering on promised rate relief and curbing waste.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

7534,338665,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit opinions on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the announced average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent.I oppose the proposed rates rise and urge the Council to implement substantial expenditure reductions before increasing bills on ratepayers. The current fiscal path shows rates rising well ahead of inflation and population growth. The plan's 7.9 percent increase comprises 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets to accommodate growth and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85 percent vastly outpacing inflation and population growth. The ratepayer burden must be moderated with prudent spending controls.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent; seek a cap closer to 3 percent.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government core function.- Operate within a balanced budget: ratepayers are not the Council's ATM and there must be accountability for every dollar spent.Additional pointsThe Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates increases at around 3 percent funded by targeted cuts in personnel costs curbing consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

7542,338657,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose a rate rise of 7.9% and support holding increases to around 3% by reducing wasteful and non-core spending. The proposed 7.9% increase

equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth. The breakdown of this year's proposed rise shows 2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsyet spending priorities appear unbalanced.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at roughly 3 percent. Specifically I support:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionIn addition I request consideration of the following concrete steps aligned with affordability and value for ratepayers:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which can save at least $17 million immediately- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local governmentOther areas of concern include high expenditure on consultants and backroom functions corporate and CCO payrolls and escalating direct operating costs which have grown well ahead of inflation. Reprioritising to essential services will better protect ratepayer value.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7554,338644,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful non-essential Council spending. The current funding trajectory is out of step with inflation and Auckland's growth and I expect concrete action to rein in costs.Key positions1) Oppose the average 7.9 percent rates rise. The proposed increase translates to about $320 more per household and reflects a real cost burden beyond inflation for many ratepayers.2) Reduce spend on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The current pattern of high-paid staff and bloated support functions is not accountable to ratepayers.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants is excessive and should be capped to deliver essential outcomes only.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. It costs approximately $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. Stopping non-critical hires would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department funded at around $10 million per year as this role is not a core local government function.7) Alternative budget approach. The Ratepayers' Alliance model suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate rises) reallocating to essential services and restraint on discretionary grants.Rationale- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The current mixparticularly CRL operating costs at 4.4%is not acceptable without demonstrable efficiency gains.- Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation; payroll and consultancy costs are disproportionately high.- A tighter efficiency-focused budget will protect households from unaffordable rate increases while preserving essential services.ClosingI request the Council consider these reductions to keep rates affordable and to deliver value-for-money services to Aucklanders. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7557,338641,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit this on behalf of my elderly parents and as a ratepayer concerned about the affordability of council charges. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent.Key points- The proposed 7.9 percent increase (about $320 for the average household) places a heavy burden on households already affected by inflation and cost of living pressures. I support reducing this increase to better align with inflation and household budgets.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisation would help keep rates in check while maintaining essential services.- Spending on consultancy and professional services must be reduced rather than continually increased. Capping or redirecting these costs is essential to protect household budgets.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the submitter's view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this role is not a core local government function.- The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to realise savings of about $30 million with targeted reductions in personnel costs and consultant spend totalling at least $100 million from the proposed budget.Additional context- The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent versus 12 percent cumulative inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen 85 percent far surpassing population growth and inflation.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget suggests a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) achieving a 3 percent average rate increase by focusing on prudent staff controls and spending reductions.ClosingI request that Auckland Council consider these measures to moderate rate increases and improve efficiency.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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7567,338631,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council expenditure before asking households to pay more.I oppose the 7.9% rise and request the Council to-to start with substantial savings in backroom and corporate functions. The Council should reduce expenditure on personnel freeze non-essential hiring and cut payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately. In addition I urge cutting the spend on consultants and professional servicesthe briefing shows consultancy spending at $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council with many consultants earning around $200k. A cap on consultancy and a broader renegotiation of vendor contracts could deliver meaningful savings.I support the proposed Households' rate relief by targeting wasteful expenditure first. The ratepayer funding should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. The Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves should be cancelled. Translating this saving into a lower rates rise would be a direct benefit to households.I also oppose continued high spending on Māori-focused initiatives such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae

(Maori Outcomes) department which I do not see as a core local government function. Redirecting such funds toward essential services would help reduce pressure on rates.As Auckland continues to densifywith single houses being replaced by multiple apartmentsthe resulting rate base should increase. This supports a case for efficiency rather than a blanket rate hike.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I am a ratepayer and I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This would mean an average rise of about $320 for households on top of rates already rising well above inflation. The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase of 30 percent since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) against cumulative inflation of 12 percent. Rates should not outpace inflation or households' ability to pay.I support reducing wasteful Council spending and tightening the cost base to keep rates affordable. In particular:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to continue rising.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.I understand the proposed increase breaks down as: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. I urge considering a more restrained approach by implementing the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise at around 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultants vendor contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional housing considerations should be integrated into these savings to support affordable living conditions while keeping essential services funded.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7568,338630,,Howick,Do not support most,Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing this level of increase is excessive and fails to reflect prudent management of ratepayers' funds. The proposed rise translates to around $320 for the average household on top of a cumulative real increase of 30 percent since 2022 with inflation running well below that. I oppose a rates rise of this magnitude.I urge the Council to pursue substantial expenditure restraint to align rates with inflation and essential service delivery. Specifically:1) Agreeing with the Alliance reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Agreeing with the Alliance reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these costs.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is argued to emit more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing where possible and/or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles a step that could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a core function of local government.In line with the Alliance's proposed budget approach I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million

(a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3 percent. This would require: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spending; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I respectfully request that the Council consider these savings as a matter of fairness to ratepayers and pursue a revised plan that prioritises essential services and responsible governance over continued expenditure growth.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7587,338611,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a move to reduce wasteful Council spending before asking households to pay more.Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase and affordability. The proposed 7.9% average rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-term increase in rates since 2010 of 85% (well above inflation and population growth). I reject continuing increases well above inflation and advocate for a means to slow the growth in rates.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to rise. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation and consultants have become a costly habit.3) Specific programme reductions. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Rethink other discretionary programmes that do not meet essential statutory responsibilities.4) Staffing and payroll. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million right away. There is an opportunity to re-prioritise personnel costs to preserve essential services.5) Māori outcomes funding. I oppose continuing large-scale Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that local government has limited mandate in this area. Reallocate to core statutory duties.Alternative budget and outcomes- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance recommendation: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increase at 3%.- Realise savings through organisational change hiring freezes capping consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request careful consideration of these points and urge a revised plan that bends rates growth trims waste and protects essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7593,338605,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and call for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending. The proposed rise would equate to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069 despite rates having risen 85 percent since 2010 and inflation running higher than real wage growth.I urge the Council to adopt the outlined Ratepayers' Alliance approach to curb excessive spending and to fund essential services without penalising ratepayers. Specific positions I support include:1) Opposing the 7.9 percent average increase; aim to cap increases closer

to inflation given the long-run cost pressures already faced by households.2) Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Reducing spend on consultants and professional services; current annual consultant expenditure is around $126 million across the Council group with a typical consultant earning approximately $200k.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.5) Freezing or downsizing payroll commitments by cutting back on six-figure salaries where possible and renegotiating contracts to improve efficiency.6) Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a local government core function.In addition I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget including a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2 percent of spending) to achieve a 3 percent rate increase cap by: limiting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I respectfully request the opportunity to speak at hearings to present these concerns in detail. However I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7605,338593,,Howick,Do not support most,The public deserves an honest appraisal of costs and value not a blind rate hike.I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. The proposed increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% while population growth has been about 22% and inflation roughly 34% over the same period. This mismatch between costs and outcomes demands urgent scrutiny and restraint.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget offers a path to cap the rate increase to around 3 percent by trimming wasteful and non-essential spend. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants: $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.These steps would amount to a $150 million reduction in new Council spending directly addressing the driver of rate rises.I also urge immediate action to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional serviceswithout compromising core services. Freeze vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million now. Finally I oppose the ongoing spend on Māori-specific programmes such as the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at approximately $10 million per year which I do not believe is a proper local government function.In summary I request that the Council reconsider the proposed 7.9 percent increase in light of the above efficiencies and the need to prioritise essential services. This submission aligns with responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds and a commitment to value-for-money governance.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7637,338561,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge serious reductions in wasteful Council spending before any further rate increases are considered.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive given that the current average

residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 already runs at about 30% (with inflation around 12%). The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This pattern signals inefficient cost growth that should be tackled before asking households to pay more.- Wasteful expenditure: a high level of spending on consultants (£126 million across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k) and a payroll bill of $1.3 billion plus $590 million on consultants/contractors signals opportunities for savings. Eighteen corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure.- The Council spends on programmes and staffing that do not align with core local-government duties. I support capping spending on consultancy and backroom functions and I support freezing or reducing payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies.- Specific line items for savings should be applied first: cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and may emit more carbon than it saves) and cut Māori-focused expenditure such as the $10 million/year allocated to Ngā Mātārae which is not a core local government role. A reduction in staff and non-essential roles should be implemented immediately to deliver real savings.Alternative budget stance- Adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rate increases to around 3% by: freezing non-essential positions capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services.Additional pointJust stop with the nonsense!ClosingI request that these concerns be considered as part of the submissions process. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7698,338500,,Howick,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars far outrunning cumulative inflation of 12%. The rate rise is not targeted to essential services and appears to fund extensive backroom and discretionary spending rather than core city needs.Key concerns and positions1) Rate rise stance: I strongly oppose increasing rates by 7.9% and advocate for capping the rise to around 3% in line with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which would require spending restraint elsewhere.2) Wasteful and excessive spending to cut- Corporate and backroom functions: cut expenditure across the Council and CCOs; implement organisational change to reduce payroll and overhead costs.- Consultants and professional services: reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to expand these costs (currently about $126 million per year across the Council group; the Auckland Council parent accounts for $60 million with many consultants earning substantial fees).- Food Scraps Programme: cancel if it costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing freeze: freeze non-essential vacancies and halt hiring where roles are not essential; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending: re-evaluate the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that such roles are not inherently the responsibility of local government.3) Alternative budget and targetsAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap rates rise at about 3% through: $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from consultant spending caps $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to prioritise core municipal services reduce wasteful spend and limit rate increases to protect households and businesses.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9

percent. This would equate to around $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (versus 12 percent inflation). The current average rates bill is already approximately $4069 and ratepayers cannot bear further increases that outpace inflation and population growth.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which caps the rate rise at around 3 percent by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%). Specifically:- Freeze or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services by $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.Beyond the above I require the Council to address clear inefficiencies:- Substantial reductions in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs are essential.- Spending on consultancy and professional services must be reduced rather than continually increasing.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which purportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or further reduce payroll costs by avoiding hires for non-essential roles.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.The Council should focus on essential statutory services and limit discretionary expenditure to protect ratepayers from unsustainable increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

7726,338472,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and in support of substantially reducing wasteful Council spending. The current plan would raise rates by about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase of around 30 percent since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) far exceeding inflation.Key concerns and positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. I support reducing the rate rise to a more sustainable level aligned with inflation and local needs.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation and there is excessive spend on six-figure salaries and contractors.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council group spends about $126 million per year on consultants; the Auckland Council alone accounts for $60 million with many consultants earning substantial fees. Cutting these costs is essential.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) given the role of local government in this area is restricted and should be prioritised elsewhere.Rationale and constructive alternativeThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance indicates a feasible path: reduce new spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate increase at 3 percent through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants vendor negotiations and prioritisation of statutory services over discretionary grants. Adopting these measures would protect households from excessive rate rises while maintaining core services.I request the opportunity to present at hearings only if permitted; however I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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7730,338468,,Howick,Do not support most,I note that the current average residential rates bill is about $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30 percent. The proposed 7.9 percent increase comprises 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. Such a rise in the context of double-digit growth in rates over the past decade is unjustified without clear demonstrable efficiency gains.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping the average rates increase to about 3 percent. To achieve this I urge:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving around $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Specific expenditure concerns reinforce my opposition to high rates:- Council spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year across the Council group with substantial pay for contractors; this level is unsustainable.- Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation in recent years.- The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and according to Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves; it should be cancelled.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose unnecessary increases in Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae within the scope of local government responsibilities.I request a reduction in wasteful corporate and backroom spending across Council and CCOs and a shift toward essential services with the aim of capping rate increases to around 3 percent.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7749,338449,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to about $320 for the average household in the face of continuing budget pressures and significant wasteful spending elsewhere in the organisation.Rising rates should be aligned with real affordability and delivered value. Since 2010 rates have increased 85 percent far outpacing inflation and population growth. The 7.9 percent increase is composed of 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. This tailors a substantial burden to households while not delivering evidence of commensurate gain in core services. A more stringent approach to reducing non-essential spend is required before burdening households further.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that meaningful savings are possible. I support reducing new council expenditure by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates increases at around 3 percent. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Cap spending on consultants: $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionKey areas of wasteful spend I urge Council to address immediately include:- Consultants and external professional services: current spend is unsustainably high and continues to rise faster than

inflation.- Corporate and back-office functions: significant payroll and overheads across the Council and CCOs.- The Food Scraps Programme: cost is $36 million per year and has not demonstrated net carbon savings.- Staffing costs: freezing vacancies or deferring non-essential roles would yield immediate savings (at least $17 million right away).- Māori-specific spending: I oppose the $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as a function of local government given the statutory responsibilities of councils.I request a careful evidence-based reconsideration of these elements and reform of discretionary spending before imposing higher rates on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7759,338439,,Howick,Do not support most,The proposed rise equating to about $320 for the average household is well above inflation and is not warranted by the Council's recent expenditure patterns or outcomes.1) Oppose the 7.9% average increaseThe increase is driven by a 4.4% increment for CRL operating costs plus ongoing asset maintenance and growth costs. The overall level is unaffordable for households and does not align with a prudent budget posture.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spendingA substantial portion of rate-funded outlays goes to corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance' figures show high payroll costs and extensive back-office expenditure; this area must be reined in to protect ratepayers.3) Cut consultancy and professional servicesAnnual spend on consultants is about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Redirecting these funds to core services is essential and should form a public-budget priority.4) Cancel the Food Scraps ProgrammeThe Food Scraps Programme costs around $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves. This project should be cancelled to deliver immediate ratepayer relief.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payrollA freeze on non-essential vacancies or a pause on new hires would deliver significant savingsat least $17 million right awaywithout compromising essential services.6) Cut Māori-specific spendingThe Alliance highlights $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes programme (Ngā Mātārae). As this is not a core local government function this funding should be reassessed and reduced in favour of essential statutory services.Additional pointFocus the Council on its core statutory duties and essential services avoiding discretionary spending that does not deliver direct municipal value.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the proposed rates increase and urge Council to reduce wasteful spending instead of loading higher levies on households. The current rate trajectory is unsustainable: average residential rates have risen from $2781 in 2022 to a current level of $4069 a real increase of about 30% since 2022 with cumulative inflation around 12%. The breakdown of the 7.9% proposal2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsillustrates a focus on ongoing charges rather than fundamental efficiency.Agreed positions:- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.As an alternative I support the

Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap average residential rates increases at around 3% by reducing new spending by approximately $150 million (2%) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Specific savings would come from: $50 million in personnel cost reductions through organisational change and a hirings freeze; $50 million by capping consultancy spend; $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising essential services over discretionary programmes.I request that Council consider these measures seriously and refrain from locking in a higher rates path that compounds the burden on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7760,338438,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is around 30% far outpacing cumulative inflation. With the ratepayer burden already heavy I urge the Council to align rate increases with inflation and pursue genuine efficiency gains.To achieve more prudent budgeting I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce Council and CCO spend on corporate and backroom functions. In particular I urge a cap on spending for consultants and professional services which currently contributes substantially to operating costs.I also request cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. This is an area where funds could be redirected to essential services that demonstrate clear social and environmental value.Further freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles would yield immediate savings. The Alliance estimate suggests this could save at least $17 million right away improving the ability to prioritise essential services and statutory requirements.I support reducing Māori-specific spending within the local-government framework. The Alliance highlights the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as an area of spend that should be carefully reconsidered given the statutory responsibilities of local government.I note the proposed alternative budget aims to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a 3% rate increase cap by:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million from consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million on prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosing: I respectfully request that the Council consider these measures to restrain rates growth and reallocate wasteful spending toward essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7763,338435,,Howick,Do not support most,1) Rates increase and affordability- I oppose the average 7.9% residential rates rise (roughly $320 for the average household) and urge a cap far closer to inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen about 85% in real terms far outstripping inflation and population growth. With current average rates at $4069 and a real increase of 30% since 2022 Aucklanders face escalating bills while critical services must be protected.2) Wasteful backroom and corporate spending- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well

above inflation and there is a need for organisational change to curb overhead.3) Consultants and professional services- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further growth. The annual spend on consultants is excessive with a large portion directed to non-core activities that do not deliver essential public value.4) Payroll and staffing controls- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles stating that such actions would save at least $17 million immediately. A prudent workforce plan is necessary to slow growth in personnel costs that outpace inflation.5) Māori outcomes spending- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year devoted to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a direct function of local government. Reprioritising funds to statutory and essential services should take precedence.Additional context- The Ratepayers' Alliance outlines an alternative budget that would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%. Adopting a disciplined approach to spend and reforming procurement would deliver tangible relief to ratepayers without compromising core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7781,338417,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a personal sincere manner to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to call for decisive reductions in Council spending on non-essential items.I understand the proposal would raise rates by about 7.9 percent roughly $320 for the average household on top of a long-run trend where rates have increased 85% since the 2010 amalgamation far outpacing both inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%). I cannot support a rise well above inflation especially when there are clear opportunities to curb wasteful expenditure.Key concerns and positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. A more responsible approach would cap the increase much closer to inflation by prioritising essential services.- Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services spend rather than allowing continual growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles an action that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spend including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a role of local government.Supporting context from the Alliance briefing indicates significant cost pressures in personnel contractors and discretionary spending. A practical path is the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cut) enabling a cap of around 3% on rates through targeted savings in personnel consultants and procurement while prioritising statutory and essential services.Additional local concerns: Pukekohe has seen extensive roadworks and traffic changes; the current planning has contributed to congestion and infrastructure strain which cannot sustain further growth without thoughtful affordable solutions.I request that this submission be considered in full during the hearings; however I do not wish to speak at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7785,338413,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to prioritise prudent spending reductions before asking households to fund core services at higher levels.1. Against rate increase and fairness for households- The proposed 7.9% rise equates to about $320 for the average home on top of a real rates increase of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and not justified by the current service delivery.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase covers CRL operating costs with 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. Given past spending surges growth in costs must be restrained.2. Reducing wasteful and non-core expenditure- Council spend on consultants totals about $126 million annually across the group; the Auckland Council parent alone accounts for roughly $60 million with average consultants earning around $200k. A cap and ÑÐµstructuring are essential.- Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation and personnel costs plus 'other expenses' have grown twice the rate of inflation between 2022 and 2025. Payroll at $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at $590 million demand urgent review.- Eighteen corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure; these back-office costs must be reined in to protect essential frontline services.3. Specific program and statutory spending- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme at a cost of $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) function which is not a core local government responsibility.4. Alternative budget alignment- The Council should adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates at about 3% through personnel cost reductions limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.The burden on households especially pensioners like me is already high and the current plan would push many families to the brink.I note the proposal includes a 7.9% increase with breakdowns of 2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%well above inflation and population growth. This trajectory is unsustainable for ratepayers and undermines confidence in local governance. A responsible approach would cap rate growth and prioritise core services.I Agrees with a program for significant cost restraint:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase those costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance's assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Additional context: as a pensioner I struggle to meet rates already and I urge the Council to prioritise essential services and basic governance over discretionary programmes and non-core initiatives. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well ahead of inflation in recent years while consultant and contractor spend remains high. Reducing these areas would enable a more modest fairer rates outcomecloser to 3 percent if feasiblewithout compromising essential services.I request that the Council consider these reductions as a condition of any rate increase and provide transparent reporting on how savings are achieved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7795,338403,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase. The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent while overall inflation is about 12 percent. A rise of nearly 8 percent is excessive and the Council must prioritise value for ratepayers by reducing waste and improving efficiency.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance modelling shows room to reduce expenditure without compromising essential services. I urge the Council to implement the following measures to cap rate increases at around 3 percent by cutting unnecessary or non-essential spend:- Reduce personnel costs: freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles and pursue organisational change to lower payroll costs which would deliver meaningful savings immediately (the Alliance's plan estimates at least $17 million in payroll relief).- Cap consultancy and professional services: reduce the spend on consultants and contract staff which currently amounts to substantial sums across the Council and CCOs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme: stop the $36 million/year programme which emits more carbon than it saves and redirect resources to essential services.- Reduce Māori outcomes spending: pause or scale back the Ngā Mātārae budget (approximately $10 million per year) as this is not a core local government function.- Improve procurement and vendor arrangements: consolidate contracts and renegotiate terms to achieve cost savings across the portfolio.- Prioritise statutory and essential services: direct funds to core responsibilities rather than discretionary grants or non-essential initiatives.Additional tone and approach: adopt a lean efficiency-focused mindset akin to a lean Japanese corporationremove fat recognise where spend is not elastic and reallocate accordingly to protect essential services while keeping rate increases in check.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7798,338400,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-term trend that is not sustainable for ratepayers.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is not affordable for households in the face of ongoing inflation. Since 2022 the real increase in rates is about 30% while overall inflation has been roughly 12%. Rates should not outpace inflation by nearly threefold.- A significant portion of the increase is driven by CRL operating costs (4.4%) not by essential service delivery alone. The remaining portions2% for asset maintenance and 1.5% for growthadd to annual cost pressures for households already stretched.- Council spending on consultants is excessive: about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200000. This is a clear area where efficiency must be improved.Proposed direction and savings- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reducing spend on consultancy and professional services.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continuing or increasing Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the MaÅ ri outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget lens- Adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce

new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3% includes: cutting personnel costs capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a leaner budget prioritise essential services and deliver real rate relief to Auckland households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7805,338393,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to urge practical reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key position- I oppose the average 7.9% rates rise. With the current average residential bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30% further increases above inflation are unfair to households already stretched by rising living costs.Spending reductions I support- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cap and cut spending on consultants and professional services not continue to grow these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department about $10 million per year arguing this is not a role of local government.Rationale- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have been far lower; this indicates a large inefficiency in the spending base.- Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation and consultants contractors and corporate functions consume significant resources that could be redirected toward essential services.Additional points- Many households are under financial pressure from rising costs of living including food fuel housing and health costs. A more restrained approach to rate increases will ease financial stress for families and small businesses across Auckland.ClosingI urge a revised budget that achieves a far smaller rate increase prioritising essential services and proven savings measures outlined above. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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freeze (b) capping consultancy spend (c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors and (d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Rationale- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have driven far smaller increases. The current cost structureparticularly high payroll and consultant/contractor expenditurerequires reform before further rate increases are considered.ClosingI request the Council seriously consider these reductions to avoid an excessive burden on households and to restore prudent financial management.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7818,338380,,Howick,Do not support most,Key context and justification- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2012 rates have risen by 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This framework compounds the financial burden on ratepayers.- Spending patterns are unsustainable: consultants cost $126 million per year across the Council group; payroll and related costs have surged while staff numbers and six-figure salaries continue to rise. These backroom costs crowd out essential services.Necessary policy and budget changes- Agree: Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs; cap or trim consultancy and professional services.- Agree: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Agree: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles potentially saving at least $17 million immediately.- Agree: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) budget of about $10 million per year arguing these are not core local government responsibilities.Additional measures to restore restraint and focus- Do the basics: stop pet projects (e.g. cycleways) unless funded from dedicated user-punding sources; consider a user levy if a project clearly benefits a defined group of ratepayers.- Implement vendor consolidation and contract renegotiations to realise substantial savings.In summary a restrained budget is necessary to avoid a disproportionate burden on households. A 3% cap or similar outcome is achievable with targeted cuts and reform in procurement and payroll.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7854,338344,,Howick,Do not support most,Key concerns and positions:1) I oppose the 7.9% average rate increase. This level is not affordable for households especially when real rate increases since 2022 exceed inflation by a large margin (approximately 30% in 2022 dollars against 12% inflation).2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current spend on corporate functions and staff costs is excessive relative to outcomes delivered.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. The Alliance' figures show about $126 million per year in consulting across the Council group with an average consultant pay of about $200k. This is unsustainable if it drives rate rises.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costing around $36 million/year) due to its carbon impact and limited net savings.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles with potential immediate savings of at least $17 million.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori

Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) portfolio which the submission team views as not a core local-government function.7) Parking and other efficiency measures: I support reducing Auckland City parking fees where feasible as part of a broader efficiency drive.Alternative budget approach:Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases to about 3%:- $50 million saving from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze.- $50 million savings from capping consultancy spend.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I urge the Council to prioritise responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds focusing on efficiency reform of backroom costs and restraint on non-essential programmes. I request to speak at hearings if opportunities are provided; however I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

7867,338331,,Howick,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise well above inflation since 2022. Since amalgamation rates have risen 85% while population growth has lagged and inflation has considerably reduced household purchasing power. This is unsustainable for ratepayers.- A substantial portion of the rise is driven by ongoing operating costs including 4.4% for CRL operating costs with other components rising faster than inflation. Given the climate of tight household budgets the Council must prioritise efficiency before asking residents to absorb higher charges.Preferred fiscal path and specific reductions- Reduce Council and CCO backroom and corporate functions. The current model relies heavily on high-cost payroll and specialist support. A targeted organisational change and hiring freeze could deliver meaningful savings.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services. Reducing external advisory costs aligns with prudent stewardship of public funds.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and has not demonstrated net carbon savings beyond its costs and emissions. Reallocate to essential services with measurable impact.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. For example halting non-critical vacancies could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Reconsider Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Where services fall within statutory local government duties they should be funded through Council channels; otherwise prioritise statutory and essential services.Budget alternative- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance approach to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase to around 3% by diverting savings to essential services and prudent capital management.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a leaner operating model prioritise statutory duties and defer discretionary program spend until affordability improves for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

7874,338324,,Howick,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9 percent average increase is excessive especially given the CSS of cost pressures since 2022: real increases in rates amount to about 30 percent in real terms (2022 dollars) while cumulative inflation sits around 12

percent. A more prudent path would cap rate rises closer to inflation and population-driven growth.- The breakdown of the increase includes 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs along with 2 percent for existing asset maintenance and 1.5 percent for new assets yet there is clear evidence of structural cost growth within the organisation that should be addressed before asking households to pay more.- There is a compelling case to reduce wasteful Council spending before raising rates. In particular the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions curb consultancy and professional services and pause non-essential staffing growth.Policy positions I support- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent; seek pursuing efficiencies that deliver essential services without imposing excessive cost on households.- Reduce Council and CCO expenditure on corporate and backroom functions including a cap on consultancy and professional services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) where spending is not a core local government function.Alternative budget path- Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2 percent) to cap rates increases at roughly 3 percent prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Specific savings to pursue include a $50 million reduction in personnel costs $50 million cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million redirected to essential services.ClosingI request to be heard at hearings to further outline these concerns and alternatives. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

7875,338323,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit this objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to call for meaningful restraint on wasteful council spending. I oppose the rate rise as excessive relative to inflation and household living costs and I expect Council to prioritise core services over backroom growth.Agreed positions and concerns:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. With the current average bill around $4069 the proposed rise of about $320 per household is unaffordable for many ratepayers especially in retirement.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs including staff consultants and six-figure payroll costs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well ahead of inflation; this needs urgent downscaling.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth in these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at a cost of $36 million per year with carbon savings not proven to justify the expense.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.Additional points:I have paid thousands of dollars in rates in my 72 years and now face higher costs in retirement. Enough is enough. Move aside and let someone who can do the job more efficiently and cost-effectively.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget frameworkreducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about 3%is a reasonable starting point and I urge Council to adopt comparable reductions in personnel consultancy and discretionary spending while maintaining essential services.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit

in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27.The proposed rise is excessive when set against inflation and the Council's own spending patterns. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while population grew by 22% and inflation has outpaced rate increases by a wide margin. The 7.9% increase is structured as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This places an ongoing burden on households already paying an average residential bill of $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 a real increase of 30% in 2022 dollars.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which would cap average residential rate increases at about 3% through a $150 million reduction in new spending. Key actions include:- Reduce personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze saving $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.These measures directly address the largest drivers of rate increases: payroll costs consultant fees and discretionary line items. The Council should also immediately cancel the Food Scraps Programme (estimated at $36 million per year) which has not demonstrated net carbon savings. Additional savings can be found by freezing non-essential vacancies and reviewing the $171 million allocated to Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) over ten years as this is not a local government core function.Specific accountability requests: pause audit and publicly report on all backroom and corporate functions with a focus on reducing six-figure salaries and overall staff costs which have risen substantially. Mr Brown if you can't keep spending under control consider handing over to leadership that can. It is in Aucklanders' best interests.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7887,338311,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit a formal submission opposing Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urging a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending.1) Opposition to the 7.9% rates rise- The proposed increase represents a real burden on households with the average residential bill rising by about $320. Since 2012 rates have effectively grown far faster than inflation and the current plan does not align with residents' ability to pay. The breakdown of the increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs which should be subject to scrutiny and efficiency savings rather than automatic pass-through to ratepayers.- I support rejecting a rate rise of this magnitude and urge Council to target an increase closer to 3% by prioritising efficiency and reducing waste.2) Wasteful spending and reform recommendations- Reduce personnel costs and payroll: Freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles and pursue targeted organisational changes to deliver at least $17 million in immediate withholdings.- Curb consultants and professional services: Cap or cut consultancy and external advisor spend aiming for at least $50 million in savings.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: Seek $30 million in cost reductions through renegotiation and streamlining suppliers.- Prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: Reallocate resources away from non-core activities to essential services.- Stop the Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-focused spending: Reconsider the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a formal local-government obligation.3) Alternative budget approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) capping average residential rates increases to about 3% by implementing the measures

above.4) Additional points- Ratepayers are stretched; continuing annual rate increases is unsustainable. The Council should demonstrate restraint and reallocate funds to services that residents rely on most.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7891,338307,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose any rates increase of 7.9 percent or more. The proposed increase would add about $320 to the average household bill on top of a real 30 percent rates rise since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) while inflation runs around 12 percent. It is unsustainable to raise rates at this pace if essential living costs are already under pressure for households.Auckland Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants stands at $126 million per year across the group with the Auckland Council parent accounting for about $60 million and an average consultant earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation while eighteen corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure. This is not acceptable in times of household tightening.I also call for a reduction in consultancy and professional services not continued growth in these items. The current trajectory clearly contribute to higher rates without delivering commensurate public value.The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. At $36 million per year it costs far more than it saves in emissions reductions according to the Alliance briefing and it should be halted to protect ratepayer funds for essential services.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.I oppose continuing or increasing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government has a core mandate to deliver statutory services not to maintain separate cultural departments at this level of expenditure.Spend money on our essentials. We must tighten our belts so you can too.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7894,338304,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose raising rates by at least 7.9% and note that the proposed increase would add approximately $320 per average household on top of a current bill of $4069. Since 2022 the real increase in rates is around 30% (vs. 12% inflation) while population growth has been only 22%. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. These cost drivers must be scrutinised before any further burden is placed on households.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget and reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping the average residential rates increase to about 3%:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Cap spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionSpecific efficiency measures I support include:- Reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cutting spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to rise.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which purportedly costs more in emissions than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for

vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) given this is not a local government core function.These measures would preserve essential services improve value for ratepayers and align Auckland with prudent public budgeting.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7897,338301,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit this statement in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for reductions in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9%. The proposed increase would add approximately $320 for the average household in the context of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and in light of cumulative inflation of about 12%. I urge the Council to prioritise value-for-money and lower rate increases to align with inflation and household affordability.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current structure appears to carry high payroll and administrative costs that do not translate into commensurate service improvements. I also support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services which continues to rise faster than inflation and the overall cost base.I oppose continuing or expanding the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is alleged to emit more carbon than it saves. I support reassessing this programme to focus on core statutory and essential services.I strongly support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. A pause on non-essential recruitment would improve affordability and demonstrate prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds.I oppose current levels of Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). If these services are not a formal local-government duty I urge recalibration of funding toward statutory and essential services.I support the Auckland Ratepayers Alliance Alternative Budget proposal to cap rate increases at around 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million through targeted cuts in personnel consultants vendor contracts and a refocus on essential services.I request that the Council consider these points before finalising the draft plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7904,338294,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the associated expenditure proposals.I support a clear focus on reducing wasteful corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing highlights that significant savings lie in reforming administration consolidating functions and limiting non-essential or overheads. A leaner core of skilled staff should be directed to statutory and essential services not discretionary or duplicative back-office activities.In addition the Council should implement a practical restraint on overall operating costs by pursuing targeted reductions in personnel costs and consultancy spend as outlined in the Alliance 'Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget.' Specifically:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates growth at a more affordable level through: freezing non-essential hiring and

restructuring to curb personnel costs; capping consultant and contractor expenditure; renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Pursue a comprehensive organisational change program to pause non-critical hires and bring payroll costs in line with essential needs.- It's high time there should an independent body or a Tribunal to adjudicate all essential issues of ratepayers concerns and objections for justification like 7.9% increase is not justified.- The Gulf war is a worldwide concern but oil prices are hitting extremely high in New Zealand and having a chain effects on cost of living to all concerned. A more common sense approach should be taken in this difficult time.It is also important to recognise that staff costs consultants and other operating expenses have grown at a rate well above inflation in recent years. A disciplined approach to expenditureprioritising efficiency better procurement and smarter service deliverywould protect ratepayer value while ensuring Council can meet core responsibilities.I request the Council to provide a transparent itemised plan showing how the proposed reductions in administrative overhead and consultant engagement will translate into lower rate increases and preserved essential services. I am prepared to speak at hearings if invited but I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7917,338280,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average 7.9% residential rates rise. The current average residential rates bill stands at $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real rate increases since 2022 are already 30% in 2022-dollar terms well above cumulative inflation of 12%. The 7.9% increase is not affordable for households facing sustained cost-of-living pressures. The increase breaks down into 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets tied to growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. In the context of the Super City's growth and the Council's demonstrated spending patterns a tighter restraint on costs is both prudent and fair.Positions I advocate for based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing:1) Reduce Council and CCO expenditure on corporate and backroom functions. The ratepayer burden can be eased by prioritising frontline and statutory services.2) Curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The Council should cap and reduce these costs rather than allowing continued growth.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available data emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.Additional context:- The broader spending trajectory shows payroll and related costs rising markedly with overall direct operating expenditure up by 78% between 2013 and 2023 against inflation of 29%. Reducing non-essential roles and renegotiating contracts would help temper this trajectory.- I acknowledge the Council's statutory duties; however higher rates must be matched by demonstrable efficiency and value.In conclusion I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach to keep rates growth to around 3% by cutting unnecessary staff consultants and discretionary expenditure while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7966,338231,,Howick,Do not support most,I am submitting in a personal and sincere tone to express my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to advocate for tighter control of Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. The proposed increase would add about $320 to the average household bill on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of around 30 percent while inflation has been about 12 percent. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85 percent far exceeding inflation and population growth. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent of the increase funds CRL operating costs which should be scrutinised given the long-term cost pressures on ratepayers.To address affordability I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rate increases by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) including:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI strongly agree Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and slash consultancy and professional services. The current level of consultants ($126 million across the Council group) and six-figure payrolls for thousands of staff are excessive for the services delivered. I also agree that the Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose expanding Māori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) budget of around $10 million per year if this is not a statutory requirement of local government.Closing: I request that my submission be considered and I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7978,338219,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit this personal sincere submission in opposition to continued growth in rates without commensurate reductions in wasteful spending and in support of a leaner more focused council.Key concerns- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent places a larger burden on households already facing inflation. The current climate requires that we first fix wasteful spending before asking residents to fund more government. I note the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which demonstrates that reducing new spending by $150 million could cap rate increases at around 3 percent.- I support reducing personnel costs by freezing hiring for vacant non-essential roles and pursuing organisational changes that cut payroll costs which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I support capping spending on consultants and professional services and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and has been shown to emit more carbon than it saves.- I support cutting Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.- I also advocate reducing spending on cycleways where appropriate and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Rationale- Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% while population growth has only risen 22% and inflation has risen by about 34% over the period; further rate increases should be tightly restrained while reforming wasteful spending. The Council's expenditure on consultants six-figure salaries and shifting 'other expenses' has risen well beyond inflation and warrants urgent reform.- The proposed 7.9% increase largely to cover CRL operating

costs should be revisited in light of these efficiency measures. The alternative budget demonstrates a feasible path to maintaining or lowering rate increases through prudent spending controls.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7992,338205,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful council spending.Key points:- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise. The proposed increase would cost the average household about $320 on top of a long history of rate rises that far outpace inflation.- The council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and halt the ongoing growth in consultancy and professional services. Direct operating costs and staffing costs have grown well beyond inflation and we cannot keep funding bloated overheads.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which currently costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to save carbon. It is not clear this programme delivers net benefits and it diverts funds from essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. Halting new hires could save at least $17 million immediately and improve value for ratepayers.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary targeted programmes that sit outside core responsibilities.Context and rationale:- The rate rise alongside existing spending trends risks funding non‘essential projects at the expense of essential services. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have been far lower indicating misalignment with ratepayer interests.- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an alternative budget that reduces new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cut) to cap average rates at 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsThis approach focuses on truthful governance and value for money.Closing:I respectfully request that Auckland Council consider these reductions and constrain rates growth to meet inflation and essential needs rather than pursuing a higher spending path. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7994,338203,,Howick,Do not support most,The headline rise is roughly $320 for the average household yet the accompanying spending pressures are not justified given historical increases and outsized operating costs.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. A more restrained approach is warranted.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services which total substantial sums annually.- The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves; cancelling this programme would reduce net operating pressure.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least

$17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) funded at around $10 million per year in line with views that this is not a local government core role.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increase at 3%.- Specific savings: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- These steps would deliver meaningful rate relief while protecting essential services.RationaleDirect operating expenditure has outpaced inflation significantly and payroll/consultants constitute large ongoing commitments. A tighter more efficient organisation would better reflect residents' ability to pay and maintain essential services without escalating rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8007,338190,,Howick,Do not support most,Key concerns and requests1) Oppose the 7.9% increase. The rate rise is well above inflation and well beyond what households can absorb without cutting essential living standards. The Council should instead pursue significant efficiency and restraint across operating costs.2) Reduce wasteful spending. The Council should cut back on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than continue to grow these items. The current annual consultancy spend of around $126 million and total staff costs justify a painful review of outsourcing and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles.3) Eliminate or scale back discretionary programmes with questionable value. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves). Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; savings of at least $17 million immediately.4) Refocus funding away from non-core activities. Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a local government core function.Alternative budget approachA prudent pathway is to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% achievable by:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze- $50 million from consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge the Council to adopt a lower rate increase and deliver meaningful savings rather than pass the full 7.9% burden to residents. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8012,338185,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and in support of prudent reductions in Council spending to protect households from unaffordable bills.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is well above inflation and places the burden on ratepayers while the Council continues high levels of discretionary spending. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). This is unsustainable for many households.- A substantial portion of the increase funds CRL operating

costs (4.4%) new assets (1.5%) and asset maintenance (2%) but there is insufficient evidence that such expansion aligns with essential community needs or delivers commensurate service benefits.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate rises achieved by targeted savings) to cap the rate rise at about 3%. This approach prioritises statutory and essential services over discretionary expenditure.Agreed measures to reduce wasteful spending- Reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than increasing these items.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could deliver immediate savings (estimated at least $17 million).- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) arguing that this is not a function of local government and realign resources to core statutory duties.Additional points- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen faster than inflation in recent years; a rigorous efficiency program is warranted to protect ratepayers while preserving essential public services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8017,338180,,Howick,Do not support most,For the average Auckland household this represents about $320 more per year on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022. Rates has grown far faster than inflation and population growth since the Super City model began; further increases must be restrained.Key concerns:- The 7.9% uplift is not affordable. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A more prudent approach is required with a focus on essential services and efficiency.- Wasteful spending dominates the agenda. Council spending on consultants averages $126 million per year across the group with the parent Council accounting for $60 million and consultants averaging $200k per engagement. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen far faster than inflation while eighteen corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure.- Targeted reductions are essential. I urge reducing new Council spending by at least $150 million to cap residential rate rises at around 3 percent via: a) freezing non-essential vacancies to cut payroll costs by at least $17 million immediately; b) capping consultant spend at reduced levels; c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; and d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Specific positions I advocate:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and in my assessment emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.I request the opportunity to present at hearings to elaborate these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8022,338175,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) despite 12 percent headline inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Rates have risen 85 percent since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far outpacing inflation and population growth. A more restrained approach is required.I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and scale back consultancy and professional services. Currently Council and CCO payroll costs are high with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and 72 paid more than the mayor's $306741. Consultants cost about $126 million per year across the group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with an average consultant earning roughly $200k. Direct operating expenditure has surged outpacing inflation while six-figure salaries and 'other expenses' rise twice the rate of inflation.I support cancelling discretionary programmes that do not deliver essential public value. In particular discontinue the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year due to limited carbon savings and higher costs. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.I also oppose non-essential Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given this is not a core local-government responsibility.A balanced approach is required: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at about 3 percent via: personnel cost reductions capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Enough is enoughdo what you were elected to do.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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8032,338165,,Howick,Do not support most,The proposed increase would cost the average household about $320 while real rate increases since 2022 have been 30 percent in cash terms far outpacing inflation.Position and recommendations1) Oppose the 7.9% average rate increase. I urge the Council to cap rate rises in line with inflation and population needs not to rely on a continuing pattern of rising charges to fund current expenditure.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. The Council and CCOs should cut expenditure on corporate functions and backroom office costs with a focus on achieving savings without compromising essential services.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. The spend on consultants and external services must be reduced rather than increased; renegotiate and consolidate contracts where possible to deliver value for money.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. This programme costs $36 million per year and based on current assessments emits more carbon than it saves. I support its cancellation and reallocation of funds to essential services with proven outcomes.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Freeze non-essential hires and/or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-critical roles. This measure alone can save at least $17 million immediately contributing to a more prudent budget.6) Reprioritise Māori outcomes spending. The $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes portfolio (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered as a local government function. Reallocate funds toward statutory and essential services that benefit all residents.Financial framework and alternative planAuckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rate increase at about 3% through: (a) staff and payroll controls; (b) capping consultants; (c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; (d) prioritising statutory

and essential services over discretionary grants.I request the opportunity to present at hearings to further detail these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8034,338163,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit respectfully to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for urgent reductions in wasteful Council spending with a view to delivering lower rates for households.I note the plan proposes an average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent (approximately $320 for the average household). While I recognise the council faces costs associated with asset maintenance new growth projects and CRL operating costs this level of increase is not justified when inflation and population pressures are not matched by a commensurate improvement in service delivery or efficiency.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not in my view a function of local government.In addition I support the council's consideration of the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reducing new council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average rates at roughly 3 percent. This would require focusing on personnel-cost controls freezing non-essential hires capping consultancy spend and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation with priority given to statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request transparent reporting on any progress toward these savings and engagement with communities on prioritising essential services. Given the financial pressures on households I urge the council to align budgets with inflation and real service needs rather than escalating rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8035,338162,,Howick,Do not support most,Key concerns and evidence- The proposed 7.9% average rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase of about 30% since 2022 (well above 12% cumulative inflation). This rate of increase is unsustainable for households and does not reflect efficiencies achievable within the council group.- A substantial portion of the rise is driven by CRL operating costs (4.4%) while ongoing maintenance (2%) and growth-related assets (1.5%) are less impactful than the CRL cost pressures. This argues for prioritising core statutory services and seeking savings before finance is shifted onto residents.- The Council relies heavily on consultants and back-room costs with about $126 million per year across the group and average consultant pay around $200k. Cutting consultancy and reducing non-essential corporate functions are immediate tangible savings.- Spending on Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) totals $171 million over ten years. While I support accountable delivery of services I question the ongoing scale of dedicated Maori outcomes spend as a share of local government responsibilities given the need to prioritise essential services.- Personnel and other expenses grew

well above inflation between 2022 and 2025 with payroll at $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at $590 million. Eighteen corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure. These figures indicate opportunity for substantial efficiency gains.Agreed measures- Oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% and seek to cap increases at or below 3% by cutting new spend.- Reduce corporate and back-office expenditures across the Council and CCOs; freeze non-essential recruitment; cap and renegotiate consultancy contracts; consolidate vendors where possible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (£36 million/year) due to carbon emissions exceeding savings.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Review and reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) recognising local government's core statutory duties.ClosingI request opportunities to speak at hearings if appropriate and I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8043,338154,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit a strong fact-based objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and call for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending.1) Rates increase and affordability- The proposed average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent is not affordable for households already facing high living costs. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) versus 12 percent cumulative inflation. A 7.9 percent increase compounds hardship for many ratepayers.2) Wasteful spending and cost reductions- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in these items.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which can save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government function.3) Budget alternative- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to cap the rate rise to about 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). This would be achieved through the measures above: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.4) Overall governance and performance- Since the 2010 Super City restructure rates have increased 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. It is imperative that the Council demonstrate value-for-money transparency and a clear focus on essential services rather than expanding non-core activities.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8053,338144,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a formal respectful manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial restraint on wasteful Council spending.Key positions- Oppose the average 7.9% residential rates rise. The latest information shows an average household impact of around $320 while rates have risen 85% since 2010 far outstripping inflation and population growth.- Reduce corporate and backroom office

spending across the Council and CCOs. Current spending on consultants and non-essential corporate functions is excessive and must be cut.- Curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these expenditures. The present level is unsustainable for a council of Auckland's size.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes sector (Ngā Mātārae) which I understand is not a core local government remit.Context and expectations- The 7.9% proposal comprises 2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth to new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Given Council's overall expenditure growth a discretionary restraint approach is warranted aligned with a targeted 3% cap supported by a plan to reduce wasteful spend.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget illustrates how a $150 million efficiency drive (2%) could enable a much fairer rate outcome while protecting essential services.ClosingI appreciate the opportunity to contribute to shaping a prudent transparent and affordable budget that prioritises essential services and genuine community value.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8058,338139,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to prioritise restraint and reform in expenditure. The current average rates bill is around $4069 and the real increase since 2022 amounts to about 30% in 2022 dollars far outstripping general inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets; this combination cannot justify a nearly 8% rise for households already paying substantially more than a decade ago.I support the Auckland Ratepayers Alliance position that the Council must cut wasteful spending especially in corporate and backroom functions and reduce consultancy and professional services spend. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation and consultants cost nearly $126 million annually across the Council group. A targeted reduction plan is essential to bring rates increases back to a manageable inflation-aligned level.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. Additionally freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately. There is also a case to re-evaluate Māori-specific spending; the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered within a local-government context.In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget I advocate reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average rate increase at about 3%. This would require organisational changes hiring freezes cap on consultants renegotiation of contracts and a focus on statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional note: where road resurfacing is needed I urge careful assessment to avoid unnecessary re-tarring and if resurfacing is required to minimise chip-seal use to protect vehicle damage and long-term maintenance costs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8060,338137,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge prudent restraint on council spending. The increase would cost the average household around $320 and when measured against inflation and population growth since the 2010 amalgamation is not affordable for many ratepayers.In particular I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants at about $126 million per year across the Council group and the 6123 staff on six-figure salariesalong with substantial payroll growthdrives up costs beyond what is necessary to deliver core services. Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation while staff costs and 'other expenses' have outpaced revenue growth. It is reasonable to expect a meaningful rebalancing of spending toward essential services.I therefore support the proposed 2% allocation to maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets but I strongly oppose further rate increases driven by CRL operating costs or by bloated back-office and consultant spend. I endorse the Alliance's Alternative Budget framework: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rates) achieved by freezing vacant non-essential roles and reducing payroll by not filling them capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. This approach would cap average residential rates increases to around 3%.I also request a pause on non-core Māori-specific expenditure including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) until clear statutory responsibilities are demonstrated for local government. Finally I ask the Council to consider whether pre-election promises such as those made by the current administration can be honoured through demonstrable savings and a leaner operating model.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8072,338125,,Howick,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation.1) Spending reform to curb rate rises- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services instead of permitting continual growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this would save at least $17 million immediately.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which should not be a local-government function.2) Financial context and expectations- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation (34%) and population growth (22%).- Council spending on consultants totals approximately $126 million per year across the Council group; the average consultant earns about $200000.- Payroll costs and other expenses have risen well above inflation with direct operating expenditure growing 78% from 2013 to 2023.- The ratepayer alternative budget caps the average rate increase at 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) achieved through the measures above.3) Impact and responsibility- A 7.9% rise without significant efficiency gains places a heavier burden on households and crowds out essential services.- Reforming personnel costs supplier contracting and administrative layers will improve efficiency and resilience without reducing core services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8090,338107,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and ask the Council to instead constrain rate rises to around 3% through prudent cost reductions and prioritisation. The current average residential bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is effectively 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This structure appears unsustainable for households already facing steady cost-of-living pressures.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council must cut wasteful expenditure particularly in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The briefing highlights $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k as well as significant payroll and overhead costs that have risen well above inflation. A targeted saving plan is needed.I also advocate cancelling non-essential programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately. Additionally I support reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) where this is a responsibility of local government not central policy.In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget I urge reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%: by cutting personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50m) capping consultancy ($50m) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30m) and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20m). These steps are essential to protect households and ensure Council funds are used to provide core services efficiently.Stop ripping off the taxpayer; we are all struggling to pay our day-to-day bills.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

8091,338106,,Howick,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with the real increase since 2022 equating to about 30% in 2022 dollars well above general inflation. A rate rise of 7.9% would place additional financial pressure on households already facing high living costs.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. I support pursuing a significantly lower increase aligned with inflation or below as outlined in the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items. In particular consultant costs remain a major driver of expense with total spending around $126 million per year across the Council group.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.Rationale and alternative pathwayThe

Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) can cap the average rate rise to around 3%. Specific actions include: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I urge the Council to closely examine these opportunities for efficiency and to adopt a sustainable path that respects ratepayers' household budgets.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8107,338090,,Howick,Do not support most,I strongly oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge the Council to prioritise reducing wasteful expenditure before asking households to fund core services.Key concerns and position- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of an already high current average rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing general inflation (12%) and population growth (22%). This is unsustainable for households.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This structure should be reassessed to curb rising costs rather than pass them to ratepayers.- The Council should urgently cut discretionary and backroom costs. The rates proposal relies on high operating and consultancy spend. Across the Council group consultant costs total about $126 million annually; the Auckland Council parent alone accounts for $60 million with many consultants earning around $200k. Personnel costs have grown faster than inflation; payroll and related expenses are a major driver of rate increases.- I support reducing consultancy and professional services expenditure freezing non-essential hires and cutting staff costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. Implementing a hiring freeze and organisational efficiencies would deliver meaningful savings potentially surpassing $17 million immediately.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which based on analysis emits more carbon than it saves. Funds from this programme should be redirected to essential statutory services and infrastructure.- I oppose continued spending on Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) budget of about $10 million/year which is not a function of local government.Alternative budget approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan calls for reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase to about 3% by: reducing personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8114,338083,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my formal objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to the accompanying expenditure priorities. I urge council to prioritise prudent inflation-aligned budgeting and to cut wasteful or discretionary spending.1) Rates increase and spending direction- I oppose the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase. With the current average residential bill at $4069 and real increases well above inflation since 2022 a further large rise is unacceptable to ratepayers.- The breakdown of the increase (2% to maintain assets 1.5% for new assets 4.4% for CRL operating costs) signals a need

to reassess scope and efficiency before raising bills further.2) Wasteful or discretionary spending to be cut- Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential hires and pursuing organisational changes to minimise payroll growth; this can deliver substantial savings now.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services; this area should be capped and renegotiated where possible.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-core activities ensuring ratepayer funds are directed to core council responsibilities.3) Specific programme reductions- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which users out a larger carbon cost than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae department's roughly $10 million per year as this is not a direct function of local government.4) Additional cost-saving measures- Implement vendor consolidation and contract renegotiations to achieve meaningful savings.- Consider targeted reductions in non-essential corporate and back-office functions across the Council and CCOs.ClosingI request that the council consider these measures to cap rates increases around 3% through a $150 million reduction in new spending focusing on essential services and responsible governance.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8115,338082,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and advocate for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending. The burden of a 7.9 percent rise falls hardest on households with the current average residential bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent when inflation has been 12 percent. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs 2 percent for maintaining assets and 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows. I cannot support this path.I propose the Council adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reducing new spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates growth at about 3 percent. Specific savings should come from:1) Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: $50 million2) Capping spending on consultants: $50 million3) Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million4) Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionAgreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than further increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves).- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.Additional points: pursue more efficient staff across functions and avoid unnecessary tasks such as sending multiple staff to trim edges unnecessarily.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8124,338073,,Howick,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a serious reduction in wasteful Council spending so rates rises align with inflation and essential services.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the average

residential rates by at least 7.9%. The proposed rise equating to about $320 for the average household represents a real burden on households already facing elevated living costs. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing 12% cumulative inflation and Council spending has grown faster than inflation.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance findings show substantial operating and personnel costs in support functions that do not directly improve services. Targeted reforms are needed to curb unnecessary overhead.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants is excessive with $126 million per year across the Council group and average consultants' pay rates driving up costs. A hiring freeze and tighter procurement controls should be priority.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million per year) which reportedly costs more in emissions than it saves. Redirect funds to essential services and proven community needs.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately and help bring rate increases in line with communities' ability to pay.I acknowledge some demands require careful consideration but the Council should prioritise statutory and essential services not discretionary grants. A Responsible Budget approachreducing new spending by about $150 million (2%) including personnel costs consultants and vendor consolidationwould cap residential rate increases to around 3%.Signage around city and suburbs could support clearer public understanding of Council budgeting choices.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8135,338062,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit on behalf of the Ratepayers' Alliance and in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful Council spending.Position and rationale1) Oppose the average 7.9% rates increase. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (against 12% cumulative inflation). The proposed 7.9% rise is above inflation and places an undue burden on households particularly as growth and service expectations continue to rise.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. The Alliance' briefing shows high levels of consultant spend ($126 million annually across the Council group; $60 million by the Auckland Council parent) and many six-figure salaries. I urge a substantial reduction in corporate and backoffice costs including staff rationalisation and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles to deliver genuine efficiency.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. The current trajectory of increased external professional services is unsustainable. Freeze or cap consultancy expenditure and reallocate to essential service delivery.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The program costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. A cost-effective evidence-based approach to waste management should prioritise basic waste minimisation and recycling before new programmes with uncertain net benefits.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. I support freezing vacancies for non-essential roles and reducing payroll costs which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending. The Alliance recommends limiting the Māori outcomes budget (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function. Resource should be focused on statutory and essential services first.7) Alternative budget alignment. Following the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3% by targeting: personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional pointsUse existing staff to perform work currently outsourced to costly

contractors and hire qualified staff to meet required expertise. Eliminate unnecessary overheads to reinforce value-for-money in Council services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8136,338061,,Howick,Do not support most,Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase: The proposed 7.9% average residential increase is excessive and should be cut. The burden falls on households already paying too much relative to inflation and population growth. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 have been 30% far above consumer price inflation.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which have grown sharply. Direct operating expenditure rose well ahead of inflation and consultants cost the Council hundreds of millions overall. A tighter cap on these line items is essential.3) Specific spending reductions: - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves); redirect funds to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a step that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government function.4) Alternative budget approach: Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase to about 3% through personnel reforms cap on consultants vendor renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional point- Consider stopping rates for farmers to relieve rural ratepayers bearing disproportionately high costs from general rate-setting.ConclusionI urge the Council to prioritise restraint reform and targeted cuts over further rate increases. The proposed path risks delivering ongoing unsustainable pressure on households while failing to address wasteful expenditure and non-core programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8146,338051,,Howick,Do not support most,The proposed increase translates to about $320 for the average household adding to a real rate rise of 30% since 2022 when adjusted to 2022 dollars far exceeding inflation.Key concerns and requests:- Oppose the 7.9% increase. The Council should cap rates increases closer to inflation while targeted savings are found elsewhere.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current scale of payroll and back-office costs is excessive relative to service delivery outcomes.- Curb consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants and contractors is unsustainable and should be capped with aggressive efficiency measures.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Reallocate funds to essential services with demonstrable public benefit.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department which is not a core local government function. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Rationale and context:- Since the 2010

amalgamation rates have risen by 85%well above inflation and population growth. A more disciplined outcomes-focused budget would protect ratepayers from disproportionate increases.- The Alliance's alternative budget demonstrates that a targeted $150 million reduction in new Council spending could cap the rate rise at around 3% delivering tangible relief to households while preserving core services.I request that the Council consider these reductions as a basis for a revised budget and engage in a transparent consultation process that prioritises essential services and prudent stewardship of public funds.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8147,338050,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a strong and direct tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen by roughly 30% in real terms well above general inflation. The proposed 7.9% increase breaks down as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% to cover CRL operating costs. This level of increase is unacceptable when many costs are controllable.Key positions I support- Oppose the average 7.9% residential rates increase; reduce expenditure to keep rates affordable for households.- Reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department as this is not a function of local government.Context and rationale- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have increased by about 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. The Council should demonstrate restraint and prioritise statutory and essential services.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget shows how a $150 million reduction in new spending (2% overall) can cap the rate increase to around 3% achievable through personnel cost reforms capping consultants renegotiations and prioritising core services.Additional pointI have to live within a budget and so should you as Mayor of Auckland City.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8160,338037,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit a formal objection to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and request clear reductions in wasteful Council spending. I oppose this rate rise as excessive relative to inflation and population growth and I call for urgent spending restraint across the organisation.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a rates base that has grown 85% since the 2010 amalgamation. This is well above inflation and population growth and is not affordable for many ratepayers.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to push costs higher.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles as this would save at least $17

million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year for the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes programme which I believe is not a core local government function.Financial context and alternative pathway:- The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). The rate increase should be aligned with inflation and essential services not sustained growth in non-core programs.- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rate increases at around 3% funded by reducing personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Keep to your promises. I urge the Council to implement these savings and present a realistic lower-rate proposal that protects essential services while improving value for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8161,338036,,Howick,Do not support most,I am in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of urgent restraint on council spending.I note that the proposed increase is broken down as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation and population growth. This level of increase is untenable for households especially when efficiency gains are possible.Agreed position:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing increases in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year which costs more in emissions than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government core function.A constructive pathway is the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increases to around 3%. This would require:- $50 million saving from personnel costs through organisational change and a temporary hiring freeze.- $50 million saving from capping consultants.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I urge the Council to prioritise efficiency accountability and the core statutory services that residents rely on rather than escalating rates beyond inflation. Please consider my request to limit the hearing time as I do not wish to speak at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8166,338031,,Howick,Do not support most,The current average rates bill is about $4069 and after more than a decade of growth since the Super City rates have risen 85% while inflation has been far lower. The proposed increase is not affordable and should be restrained to reflect prudent spending.Key concerns and proposed direction:- Wasteful and excessive spend must be cut. The Council and CCOs already incur substantial corporate and backroom costs and consultant/contractor spend remains far too high. A targeted reduction of $150 million (2%) to cap

rates increases at about 3% is feasible. This aligns with a responsible policy-led approach to budgeting not perpetual rate increases.- Freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs should be a priority. Halting hires for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation and a pause on non-essential recruitment is prudent.- Cut external consultancy and professional services. Reducing reliance on external advisers and renegotiating contracts would contribute meaningful savings without compromising core services.- Stop the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it consumes significant funds and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves making it an inappropriate priority for council funding.- Reconsider Māori-specific spending. The roughly $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a function of local government and should be redirected to statutory and essential services.Additional context:- The proposed 7.9% increase distributed as 2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs does not reflect a fair balance between maintaining essential services and controlling costs. The alternative budget framework demonstrates how a disciplined spending approach can keep rates increases to a minimum while preserving critical functions.I request to present at hearings to explain these points in more detail.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8173,338024,,Howick,Do not support most,My position is clear: oppose this rise and urge a first-principles review of how rates are spent with a focus on cutting waste and prioritising core statutory services.Key concerns and requests:- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. It compounds real rate increases since 2022 and outpaces inflation while the Council expands operating costs that do not deliver clear essential benefits to households.- There is a strong case to reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. The current cost base includes substantial payrolls and high consultancy/contractor spend that should be restrained.- I urge a reduction in consultancy and professional services. Cap and restrain external advice and vendor engagement to essentials with a transparent quarterly reporting of value delivered.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on independent assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. Even a pause on new hires would save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' budget of around $10 million per year as this is not a core local government responsibility.Additional context:Our community especially in Franklin District feels the costs of amalgamation have been amplified without corresponding accountability or benefits. The burden of running a larger council should not fall on everyday residents through higher rates; we demand a tighter focus on essential services and prudent budget management.I request the Council to consider the alternative budget framework proposed by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance as a starting point for reducing total expenditure by about $150 million and capping the rate increase to around 3 percent.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8183,338014,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending while protecting essential services.I strongly oppose the 7.9% average increase. At present the average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 far outpacing cumulative inflation. The proposed breakdown2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsamplifies the burden on households during a period of high living costs. A more restrained approach is needed.I agree the Council must reform expenditure to align with residents' ability to pay. In particular:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and back office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb consultancy and professional services spend rather than permitting continued growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and has not demonstrated net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million/year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) if this is not a statutory local government obligation.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget is a constructive path: a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) which would cap the rate rise to around 3%. This can be achieved through targeted personnel reforms caps on consultants renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I urge the Council to adopt a leaner budget that protects essential services while delivering genuine value for ratepayers. Reforming backroom costs and slowing non-essential growth will build public trust and curb disproportionate rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8184,338013,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% outpacing inflation and population growth by a wide margin. A rates rise this high must be accompanied by clear verifiable cuts in wasteful spend.Key concerns and asks:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current cost base is bloated and unsustainable.- Curb spend on consultancy and professional services. Consultants cost roughly $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k; this is not sustainable when real service delivery should be the focus.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function.In line with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget I urge a targeted $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This should be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionThis approach prioritises core local government duties improves efficiency and aligns ratepayer burdens with actual inflation and population needs. I request that the Council provide transparent reporting on any savings achieved and maintain open engagement with communities about these reforms.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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8186,338011,,Howick,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. For many households including pensioners like me this increase is unaffordable and out of step with the real costs faced by residents.Key concerns and requests:- Oppose the 7.9% average rates rise. The proposed increase would add roughly $320 to the average household bill compounding ongoing cost pressures since 2022. The 7.9% breakdown includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs which raises questions about efficiencies elsewhere in the organisation.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The current structure includes 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries with 72 staff paid more than the mayor and overall payroll at about $1.3 billion. Let us prioritise essential services over excess payroll and administrative costs.- Cut spending on consultants and professional services. Auckland Council's group spends about $126 million per year on consultants with the average consultant earning around $200000. Reducing external advisory costs would lower overall rate requirements.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This fund would be better redirected to essential services or core waste management priorities.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A targeted hiring freeze could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the NZ$10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). As local government we should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.As a practical alternative I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average rate increase at about 3% through the measures above. The proposed increase is unaffordable for pensioners like me.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8191,338006,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and call for immediate restraint on wasteful Council spending. The current justification for rate rises does not align with prudent management of public funds.1. A 7.9% rate rise is excessive. The impact on households is material: the proposed rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (25 years of population growth notwithstanding). Ratepayers face mounting costs while basic services should be protected without allocating funds to non-essential programmes.2. Expenditure must be reined in. The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than allowing ongoing growth in these areas. Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation and payroll/consultant costs are a major driver of rates increases.3. Cancel wasteful programmes. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This is an example of discretionary expenditure yielding questionable value to taxpayers.4. Freeze staffing and reduce payroll where possible. Freeze hiring for non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacancies; this could save at least $17 million immediately and prevent

further growth in personnel costs.5. Reconsider targeted Māori spending. I disagree with continuing to fund Māori-specific departments at $10 million per year (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.6. Alternative budget alignment. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases to around 3% by cutting costs in personnel consultants and vendor contracts and prioritising essential services over discretionary items.Additional points. The mayor's cited $200m CRL cost increase warrants scrutiny and a formal process to identify high-value activities not blanket budget growth. I fully back efforts to cap rate increases and to ensure ratepayer money is treated with greater care.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8200,337997,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge real restraint in Council spending. The current plan would raise average residential rates by about $320 for the typical household at a time when real rate increases since 2022 have already run well ahead of inflation.Key positions- Oppose the 7.9% average rates rise. A responsible budget must prioritise essential services and curb waste.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom/officer functions across the Council and CCOs. The current cost base is excessive and not aligned with community needs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. This is a prime area for savings without harming core services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a function of local government.I support the Council's obligation to maintain essential infrastructure but the proposed split of the 7.9% increase2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth 4.4% for CRL operating costsshows a misalignment with prudent budgeting. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that reductions in new spending could cap rate increases to roughly 3% by focusing on personnel cost controls contractor/consultant caps and renegotiated contracts.Additional points- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; review non-core programmes for efficiency.- Consider a clear time-bound plan to return to rate increases in line with inflation and population growth rather than escalating beyond that benchmark.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8237,337960,,Howick,Do not support most,1. Rates increase and spending priorities- I oppose the average 7.9% rates rise. The increase is effectively a 30% real increase since 2022 when adjusted for inflation while Council has spent heavily on backroom functions and external consultants.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to magnify these costs.2. Specific cost-cutting measures supported- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing

and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3. Alternatives and fiscal responsibility- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional points- Just for Council to stop the wasteful spending as it's the ratepayers who are suffering.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to adopt a leaner service-focused budget that demonstrates value for ratepayers and real restraint on non-essential overheads rather than pushing another above-inflation increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

8250,337947,,Howick,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is not affordable for households and the overall trajectory shows a real increase well above current inflation. The rate rise would cost an average household about $320 on top of an established high base.- There is substantial evidence of wasteful or non-core spending that warrants restraint. In particular high expenditure on consultants and backroom corporate functions; and a payroll and staffing model that continues to expand while essential services face pressure.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and based on available analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or curtail payroll growth by not filling non-essential vacancies. The Alliance perspective is that freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs would deliver immediate material savings.- Reducing Māori-specific spending (such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department) is appropriate if viewed as not a core local-government function. The focus should remain on statutory and essential services.Specific spending reductions proposed (aligned with the Alliance Alternative Budget)- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) targeting: - Personnel costs through organisational changes and an appropriate hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping consultancy and professional services: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionThese steps would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% while preserving core services.Context- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% outpacing inflation and population growth substantially. Council should demonstrate restraint and transparency in how ratepayer funds are spent.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

8261,337936,,Howick,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful council spending so ratepayers are not asked to bear an inflation-busting burden.Key concerns- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. With a current average bill around $4069 a further rise of this magnitude is unaffordable for many households and inconsistent with inflation and household income growth.- The council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. The current level of

external advice and administration appears excessive for a council of this size.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance's assessment emits more carbon than it saves. Funds saved should be redirected to essential services with measurable community benefit.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this function should be addressed by central government or the relevant statutory framework not local government.- The proposed Plan Change 120 especially in Special Character Areas risks undermining the neighbourhood qualities that make Herne Bay and similar areas unique. This would erode character streetscape cohesion and heritage that residents value and wish to protect. If changes proceed a more balanced approach is required that supports growth while preserving special character.Additional point- A balanced budget approach is essential to protect essential services and deliver value to ratepayers. Reducing wasteful spending and refocusing resources will better serve communities now and into the future.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8263,337934,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27.The rate increase is out of step with current economic realities. The cost of living and fuel pressures are already crushing households especially the elderly and low-income families. A 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per household on an average bill on top of a real rise in rates since 2022 that far outpaces inflation. The Council must acknowledge that ratepayers are operating under fiscal stress and act to minimise costs.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to lift these line items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and purportedly saves less carbon than it emits.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a function of local government.Additional points:The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which would cap the rate rise to around 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) including $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. In the 2010s and beyond operating costs have surged far in excess of inflation highlighting a need for zero-based reviews of expenditure and a focus on core statutory responsibilities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8270,337927,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and support efforts to curb wasteful Council spending while protecting essential services for Aucklanders.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% increase amounts to about $320 more per average

household on top of a real rates increase of 30% since 2022 (well above cumulative inflation of 12%). I ask the Council to keep rates closer to inflation and to prioritise core services.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consulting and professional services rather than continuing growth in these areas.- The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly delivering limited net environmental gains should be cancelled.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government role.The Council's current spending profile shows extensive use of consultants and contractors (about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k) and a payroll of roughly $1.3 billion. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation and many corporate and business support functions consume large sums. A targeted 2% reduction in new Council spending would cap the rate rise to about 3% and align with our aim of responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds.Ratepayers' Alliance's proposed alternative budget suggests a $150 million reduction in new spending achieved via personnel changes cap on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. This approach preserves essential services while avoiding excessive rate increases.I request consideration of these measures as part of the final plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8276,337921,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the 7.9% rise. The proposed increase translates to around $320 for the average household on top of a current average residential rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 real increases are 30% in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation (12%). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets due to population growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This is excessive and out of step with households facing rising living costs.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget is a reasonable path. Reducing new council spending by $150 million (2%) could cap the rate rise at about 3%. This would involve:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.I support these priorities and ask the Council to adopt them.There are clear examples of wasteful spending that should be curtailed to protect households:- Consultants and professional services: about $126 million per year across the Council group with the Auckland Council itself spending around $60 million and average consultants earning substantial fees.- Six-figure salaries and rising payroll costs: thousands of staff on six-figure pay with a notable rise since 2022.- The Food Scraps Programme: costing about $36 million per year yet reportedly emitting more carbon than saved; cancel this programme and reallocate resources to essential services.- Māori Outcomes spending: approximately $171 million over 10 years; I question the scope for a local government to fund this level of activity.I also support freezing staffing and not hiring for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8332,337865,,Howick,Do not support most,The average household would face about a $320 rise on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in rates in current dollars while inflation remains elevated. I request the Council adopt a more prudent budget that protects essential services without imposing such a large levy on households.Key concerns and positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase. The current trajectory shows rates rising far faster than inflation and population growth undermining households' financial resilience.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A substantial reduction in overhead costs is essential before asking residents to bear higher charges.3) Cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council's annual consultancy spend of $126 million (including $60 million within the Council's own group) and an average consultant pay of about $200k is excessive and unsustainable.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to analyses emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government remit.Additional context:- The Council's broader expenditure growthstaff costs and other expenses rising well beyond inflationrequires a reallocation toward statutory and essential services not discretionary programmes.- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a balanced approach with a targeted reduction in new Council spending by $150 million capping rate increases at around 3% per year through disciplined cost control.I request the Council consider these adjustments to deliver fairer more affordable rates while preserving core community services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8358,337839,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a substantial restraint on wasteful spending across the Council and CCOs.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rates rise is excessive exceeding inflation and real private sector wage growth. The average residential bill would rise by about $320 yet the Council has allowed costs to outpace inflation for years undermining affordability for households.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation and personnel costs and 'other expenses' have risen sharply. A leaner organisation is essential.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be curtailed. The Council group currently spends hundreds of millions on contractors with many consultants earning six-figure sums. This is a prime area for immediate savings.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and claims to save carbon but appears to emit more than it saves. This is a clear example of wasteful expenditure that should be halted.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. The Alliance estimates this would save at least $17 million right away.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary allocations.Alternative funding approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the rate rise at roughly 3% if implemented as: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations

and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.This relentless profiteering needs to stop now. For too long the council has hiked rates in flagrant excess of inflation to overpay incompetent executives and consultants.While this has never been acceptable it is simply insulting now. Someone needs to be called to account for this shocking treatment of ratepayers by a supposedly democratically elected council. I will speak to my submission at a hearing if requested.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8383,337814,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit to express strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to set out spending reductions that better reflect prudent essential Council services.1. Opposition to rates increase and accountability- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) is excessive and should be restrained. The current average bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% against 12% inflation. Rates must track inflation and protect households not fund higher operating costs.2. Wasteful spending reductions across Council and CCOs- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well ahead of inflation with payroll and consultant spending contributing to rising rates. A more lean corporate structure is essential.3. Curb consultants and professional services- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. The current level of external expertise is disproportionate to essential service delivery and should be capped with a clear efficiency plan.4. Specific programme eliminations and payroll discipline- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emissions-heavy yielding little net carbon saving. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Freeze or significantly scale back Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.5. Fiscal plan and alternative budget- Support adopting a prudent budget that at most limits rate increases to around 3% by cutting non-essential spending focusing statutory and essential services and cancelling discretionary grants where appropriate.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8406,337791,,Howick,Do not support most,1) Rates increase and spending priorities- I oppose the proposed 7.9% average increase (about $320 for the average household) and expect rates to reflect inflation and essential services not a blanket growth package. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth. The current plan compounds this disparity without demonstrable benefit to most ratepayers.2) Wasteful expenditure and backroom costs- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and rein in consultancy and professional services which are running at unsustainable levels. Annual consultancy spend is around $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant remuneration noted as $200k.3) Specific programmes and staffing- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze

staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) budget of about $10 million per year recognising that this is not a core Local Government function.4) Fiscal alternatives- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap rate rises at around 3%. This includes a $50 million reduction from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes a $50 million cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing- These measures would align Council spending with ratepayer interests improve transparency and deliver more value for money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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8407,337790,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit this formal submission to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to advocate for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average 7.9% rise. The proposed increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a rates bill that has risen from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 todayan overall real increase of about 30% since 2022 well above inflation. Given the scale of this rise and the structure of the cost drivers (2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth-influenced assets 4.4% for CRL operating costs) substantial savings are needed before further increases are considered.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap the rates rise at 3% by reducing new Council spending notably by at least $150 million (2% reduction). Specific measures I support include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionAdditionally the Council must address wasteful spend and backroom inefficiencies to restore public trust. I urge immediate action to:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a savings of at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as these functions are not a proper Local Government remit.- Reduce spending on consultants and professional services rather than allowing these costs to grow.Ordinary households aren't seeing wage growth matching inflation; therefore rate increases should be aligned with inflation or lower. I request that the Council prioritise core statutory services and prudent budgeting over expanding non-essential programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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8442,337755,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a detailed evidence-based manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for significant reductions in Council spending particularly in backroom and consultancy costs.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The current average residential rate bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% (versus 12% inflation). A further 7.9% lift

compounds affordability pressures for households including those on fixed incomes. An alternative budget is needed to hold rate rises to around 3%.- Reducing non-core and discretionary spending: Council must cut corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. Auckland spends about $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group including roughly $60 million by the core Council with an average consultant pay of around $200k.- Unit cost controls and payroll: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Spending on programmes and targeted outcomes: The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled given its annual cost of $36 million and concerns about net carbon outcomes. The Māori outcomes allocation (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year should be reassessed as a core local-government function with spending redirected toward statutory and essential services.- Overall affordability and value for ratepayers: Between 2010 and today rates have risen 85% while population growth is 22% and inflation has risen ~34%; this pattern is unsustainable for residents particularly those on fixed incomes and in peripheral areas such as Whitford.Proposed action:- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increase to around 3% by restructuring personnel costs capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8611,337585,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and urge a rigorous re-prioritisation of council spending to bring rates growth back in line with inflation.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates increase: The proposed 7.9% rise is excessive. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and since 2012 rates have risen by 85% in real terms far outstripping cumulative inflation. A more moderate path is required that protects households from unaffordable increases.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs: Council activity is heavily weighted toward consultants and corporate functions. Annual consultancy spend across the Council group is about $126 million with the Auckland Council parent accounting for roughly $60 million. Payroll and six-figure salaries have risen sharply under current governance with thousands of staff on six-figure packages and a growing payroll bill that absorbs scarce ratepayer funds.3) Reduce non-essential or discretionary spending: The Council must cut back on consultancy and professional services and curb the expansion of corporate and backroom functions. The proposal should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-core spending.4) Specific spending reductions aligned to reasonable capex and operating budgets: The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) delivering a rate rise cap around 3%. This includes: $50 million saving from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes for non-essential roles; $50 million saved by capping consultancy; $30 million saved through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.5) Other programmes: I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves) and freezing or reducing payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies.In summary I urge a comprehensive efficiency programme and a substantial reduction in consultancy backroom costs and non-essential programmes to hold rates increases to a sustainable level and better reflect Aucklanders'

priorities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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8662,337534,,Howick,Do not support most,The proposed increase costs the average household roughly $320 while rates have already risen 85 percent since the 2010 Super City reforms well above both inflation and population growth. The current average rates bill sits at $4069 with real increases far outpacing living cost growth.¢ The Council must cut back on spending that does not serve essential community needs. Spending on consultants amounts to about $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many consultants earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation and there are 18 corporate and business support functions costing almost $0.87 billion in direct expenditure. A leaner organisation is achievable without compromising core services.¢ I support reducing payroll costs and freezing non-essential vacancies. The proposed approach to staffing adds to the burden on ratepayers. Freezing vacancies and reconsidering payrolls could save at least $17 million immediately.¢ The Council should cancel non-core programmes that do not deliver proportional benefits. In particular I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.¢ I oppose continuing discretionary spending on programmes outside statutory requirements. This includes reducing spend on Māori-specific initiatives such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which I contest should not be a core local government role.¢ Additional measures I support align with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at about 3 percent prioritise statutory and essential services and renegotiate contracts to consolidate vendors where possible.In closing I urge Auckland Council to prioritise essential services cut non-essential and backroom spending and cap rates increases to reflect prudent financial management rather than continued growth in wasteful expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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8707,337489,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive and solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The current plan would see the average residential bill rise by about $320 on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% inflation). Given the scale of past spending growth I urge Council to prioritise core statutory services and restraint on non-essential expenditure.Key positions:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase and seek to cap increases to around 3% consistent with a responsible approach to affordability.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs as this is an area ripe for efficiency.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services; the current level is excessive and not aligned with prudent financial management.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves; funds should be redirected to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.In addition I

support allocating resources toward essential statutory services and prudent governance over discretionary grants. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a feasible path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to keep rates increases modest while protecting essential services. See the public-alternative budget for further context.I request that the Council consider these measures seriously as part of the 2026/27 annual plan process and provide clear communications on how efficiency savings will translate into lower rates for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8827,337307,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase for 2026/27 and I call for a substantial reduction in Council spending to prevent further growth in cost to households.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% hike translates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase of 30% since 2012 (in 2022 dollars) while general inflation has run higher than the Council's responsiveness. The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022.- A meaningful review of operating costs is required. The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultants and professional services which currently total hundreds of millions across the group.- Wasteful or non-essential programmes must be reconsidered. In particular cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Maori-specific spending should be reconsidered. The annual allocation to the Maori outcomes department and related Ngā Mātārae activity amounts to about $10 million per year; I believe this is not a role of local government and should be redirected to core statutory services.Proposed alternative budget approach- Follow the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase to about 3% through targeted cuts: - Reduce personnel costs via organisational changes and a prudent hiring freeze where appropriate. - Cap spending on consultants and professional services. - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve savings. - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points- Focus on basic essential services and avoid expanding non-core 'Māori outcomes' programmes funded through general rates.ClosingI request that Auckland Council revisit the proposed budget with a focus on cutting non-essential spend and reducing rate increases in line with a 3% cap ensuring essential services are preserved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8853,337280,,Howick,Do not support most,The proposed rise would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30% (vs. 12% inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% well above inflation and population growth.I agree with a prudent fiscal path that reduces wasteful expenditure and stops shifting cost burdens onto ratepayers. In particular:- Oppose the 7.9% average increase and support measures to cap rates growth.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on

consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance's view emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that would save at least $17 million immediately.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a function of local government.I support a practical targeted Alternative Budget that could cap average residential rates growth at around 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%): - $50 million by reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million by capping consultants- $30 million by contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsThis approach would protect essential services while delivering genuine savings aligning rates with inflation and growth realities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.Based on the Alliance briefing this uplift equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase in rates since 2022 (versus 12% consumer price inflation). The current average bill is $4069 and the proposed mix of cost drivers2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costsappears unsustainable for households already stretched by inflation.I agree the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than allow continued growth in these lines. In particular I support the targeted reduction of consultancy spend and the cancellation of discretionary or non-core programmes.I agree the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and the Alliance analysis suggests it emits more carbon than it saves. I also agree the Council should freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure which could save at least $17 million immediately.I agree the Council should cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that such roles are not intrinsic to local government core responsibilities. Redirecting scarce funds toward statutory and essential services would better reflect residents' priorities.To achieve a more affordable rates outcome I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) through: (i) organisational changes and hiring freezes ($50 million) (ii) capping consultancy spending ($50 million) (iii) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million) and (iv) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants ($20 million).I request that my submission be considered in full and I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8855,337278,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the increase and urge a program of belt-tightening and reform to protect households and small businesses.Key points:- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) against 12 percent inflation. This is unsustainable for households already stretched by cost of living pressures.- The breakdown shows 2 percent to maintain existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. In the current fiscal environment this tilt toward operating costs and growth-driven spend is excessive.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget demonstrates a path to cap the rate rise to around 3 percent by reducing new

expenditure by $150 million (2 percent). This would be achieved by: freezing non-essential payroll and reducing staff hiring capping consultants renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I urge the Council to implement concrete reductions in wasteful spending:- Reduce personnel costs by organisational change and a hiring freeze saving at least $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving around $20 million.In addition I call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose ongoing high spending on Māori outcomes such as the $10 million per year for Ngā Mātārae and support reallocating those funds to core council services where appropriate.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8883,337248,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in personal and sincere terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise since 2022 of about 30% (versus 12% inflation). A rate rise well above inflation is unwarranted given the Council's spending patterns.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs while 2% covers maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This indicates a heavy tilt toward operating costs and growth spend rather than delivering core statutory services efficiently.- Spending on consultants and backroom functions is excessive: approximately $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many consultants earning around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have grown at more than twice the rate of inflation from 2022 to 2025.- Māori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) totals about $171 million over 10 years which I believe should be prioritised within the statutory responsibilities of local government not as a separate large departmental spend.- There is a need to reduce payroll costs and hiring for non-essential roles. Freezing vacancies and focusing on essential staffing would save at least $17 million immediately. Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation could save further while maintaining service levels.Agrees (proposals I want included)- Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9%.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing/hiring for non-essential roles to save at least $17 million now.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on Māori outcomes.Additional pointsStop wasting money on roads and repairs that are not done properly. Example: Mahurangi East Rd Snells Beach.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8894,337231,,Howick,Do not support most,This submission opposes the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and calls for substantial relief by reducing wasteful Council

spending and reforming backroom cost structures.1. Rates increase and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 more per household against a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% vastly outpacing inflation and population growth. An increase at this level is not affordable for many ratepayers and is inconsistent with prudent value-for-money governance.2. Spending reductions needed- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continued growth in these areas.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel non-core programmes that do not deliver essential statutory services including discretionary initiatives.3. Specific programme and Māori expenditure- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme budgeted at $36 million/year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Reevaluate and scale back Māori-focused spend such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government role.4. Alternative budget approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enough to cap the rate increase around 3% through: - $50 million saving from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes - $50 million from capping consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants5. Additional points- No more bike lanes as a spending priority and a focus on essential municipal functions.ClosingI request that Auckland Council consider these reductions and adopt an approach that limits rate increases to no more than around 3% without compromising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8905,337215,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a reset of Council spending to protect essential local services and households.1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase is not acceptable. I support reducing the rate rise to align with a responsible inflation-aware path for ratepayers.- The current average residential rates bill is $4069; the proposed increase would add approximately $320 for the average household. Given the 2010-2025 spending growth and the real rate of inflation a lower increase is warranted.2) Spending reform and efficiency- The Council should curb expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.3) Staffing and payroll controls- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Policy alignment with a prudent budget- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) capping the average residential rates rise at 3 percent. This includes: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes. - $50 million from capping consultant and professional services. - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation. - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.5) About Māori outcomes funding- I note the council's current approach to Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) is not a point I challenge here; I emphasise that efficiency and core statutory responsibilities must be maintained

with prudent oversight on all spending categories.In closing I urge careful consideration of these savings and a revised rate proposal that protects households from excessive increases while delivering essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8918,337198,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to pursue meaningful cost reductions before asking households to bear higher bills.The planned rate increase with an average bill rise of about $320 is excessive given the Council's own spending trajectory. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while population growth has only 22% and inflation has surpassed 34% in real terms. The proposed 7.9% split includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. In a time of constrained household budgets progress must come from cutting waste rather than passing costs onto ratepayers.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate increase at about 3% and protect households. Specific measures I endorse are:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a freeze on non-essential vacant positions which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services and reducing overall reliance on outsourcing.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve better value for money.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional explicit savings I support include:- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Cutting Māori-specific spending of around $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes area which I believe falls outside the core responsibilities of local government.Given these points I urge the Council to rework the plan to a more affordable value-driven mix focusing on core services and prudent management rather than broad rate increases. A tighter payroll reduced consultancy spend and a review of discretionary programmes are essential steps to protect households and the long-term sustainability of Auckland's services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8930,337182,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a disciplined review of council spending.Key points- I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% (about $320 for the typical household) as this far exceeds inflation and places a heavier burden on households who are already stretched. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Reducing non-core overhead will lower operating costs without compromising essential services.- Spending on consultancy and professional services should be cut not expanded. A line-by-line review should identify savings and consolidate vendors where possible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Funds should be redirected to essential services with proven impact.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori

Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Alternative budget approach- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance framework: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%. This would be achieved via an organisational change/hiring freeze capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Context- The 7.9% uplift is currently allocated as 2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Prioritising core services over expansion and ensuring efficiency across the organisation is essential to restore public confidence.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8958,337146,,Howick,Do not support most,Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a currently high base of $4069. Since 2022 residential rates have effectively risen 30% in real terms outstripping 12% cumulative inflation.- The rate rise is poorly targeted: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure compounds the burden on households without clear accountability for outcomes.- Wasteful expenditure must be addressed first. Council spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year across the group; the Auckland Council parent alone accounts for about $60 million with average consultants earning roughly $200k. This is unsustainable in the current climate.- Personnel costs and 'other expenses' have risen well beyond inflation while payroll and contractor costs contribute to a bloated operating footprint. The payroll alone exceeds $1.3 billion with thousands on six-figure salaries including dozens earning more than the mayor.- Other areas of potential savings include freezing non-essential hiring and reducing back-office functions. A targeted pause on non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately. Reforms to vendor contracts and rationalisation of corporate functions could deliver substantial further savings.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme announced at $36 million per year on the basis that it costs more in emissions saved than it saves in carbon and reallocate those funds to essential services.Alternative Budget and ask- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increase to about 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via hiring freezes and organisational change - $50 million from consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsI urge the Council to prioritise core services improve efficiency and resist further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8970,337129,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a more prudent approach to council spending. The Alliance briefing shows the real cost to households with the average residential bill now around $4069 and a 30% real increase since 2022 well above inflation. To keep rates affordable I support reducing new and existing council spending to cap the rate rise to around 3% as proposed in the Alliance's alternative budget using a $150 million (2%) reduction across the council group.My key positions are:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rate rise. Target a 3% cap by trimming discretionary and non-essential spend.-

Reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs including personnel costs six-figure salaries and general overheads.- Reduce consultancy and professional services spend rather than allowing continued increases; cap this area at a sustainable level.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) function as this is not a local government core responsibility.Additional point: Councils should focus on core statutory and essential services and emergency preparedness avoiding glamours and 'nice-to-have' projects that families cannot afford in tight budgets.In summary I urge the Council to prioritise essential services pursue the proposed $150 million savings plan and constrain the rate rise to around 3% by removing wasteful spending and non-core programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8995,337092,,Howick,Do not support most,Based on Council spending trends and the need for prudent budgeting I urge you to align rates with inflation and local expectations by reducing wasteful expenditure and prioritising essential services.Key concerns:- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive when the real increases since 2022 run well above inflation. A 3% cap achieved by smarter spending would protect households from looming cost pressure.- Aggressive reductions in corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs are essential. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and personnel costs have risen markedly. A leaner organisation will better reflect ratepayer value.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be restrained. The current level with substantial contractor remuneration is unsustainable if rates are to remain affordable for households.- The Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year should be cancelled as it reportedly emits more carbon than saved. Redirecting funds to essential verifiable projects is prudent.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reviewed for alignment with the statutory roles of local government. I believe this work falls outside core local-government responsibilities and warrants reassessment.Alternative Budget and fairer funding:- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increase at 3% through targeted savings: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I request that you consider these measures to moderate the rate rise and demonstrate accountable stewardship of ratepayer funds.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8997,337089,,Howick,Do not support most,1. Rates increase and fairness- I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. When the current average bill is $4069 and real increases since

2022 are 30 percent while inflation has risen about 12 percent further rate hikes are not justified. The proposed 7.9 percent allocation must be reconsidered and capped to reflect actual affordability for households.2. Wasteful spending and backroom costs- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these expenditure items.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well ahead of inflation; a realignment is required to restore value for ratepayers.3. Specific programme cuts and payroll restraint- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available analyses emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.4. Alternative budget approach- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. This includes prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiating vendor contracts where possible.In closing I urge Auckland Council to adopt a fiscally responsible path that prioritises essential services reduces wasteful backroom and consultant spend and stops expense creep that outpaces inflation and population growth.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,

9002,337084,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to prioritise core services and prudent limited growth in expenditure. The rate rise should not outpace inflation or household budgets.Key points1) Rate increase and affordability: The proposed 7.9% average increase would cost the average household approximately $320 more per year at a time when real costs for households are under constraint. The Council should cap rate increases closer to inflation and where possible seek efficiency gains rather than higher charges to households.2) Wasteful and non-core spending: The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advice and staffing supports a large administrative footprint that does not directly improve essential services for ratepayers.3) Specific programmes and staffing:waste reductions: The Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year should be cancelled if it emits more carbon than it saves. Staffing costs should be restrained: freezing vacancies or not hiring for non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Community and Māori-specific spending: The alleged $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department should be reviewed with consideration of whether such activities fall within the direct responsibilities of local government. Priority should be given to core statutory services over discretionary programmes.5) A proposed budget approach: The Council should consider a targeted reduction in new spending of around $150 million (2%) achieving a maximum rate increase near 3% while preserving essential services. This would be achieved through: a) restraining personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze; b) capping consultant spend; c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; d) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional point: For years the Council has grown beyond required levels funding 'nice-to-have' projects rather than core operations. The ratepayer base should not be treated as a cash cow; expenditure should be trimmed to focus on

core responsibilities.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9029,337049,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to call for reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase would add roughly $320 to the average household bill on top of the 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars). This remains well above headline inflation and is not affordable for many households including retirees budgeting carefully.- The rate rise breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. I question whether these costs are optimised for value and essential services.Positions I agree with- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (that alone would save at least $17 million right away).- The Council should cut Māori-specific spendingsuch as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae)as this is not a role of local government.Additional thoughtsBudgeting is living within one's means as retirees priced out of their homes seek prudent stewardship. I compost and oppose wasteful collections; if possible offer a compost bin to residents. Consider all residents in your city Mayor Brown.ClosingI request that Council considers substantial savings in backroom costs consultants and non-essential staffing and prioritises essential services to avoid an unnecessary rates hike.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9037,337041,,Howick,Do not support most,To Auckland CouncilI am {name redacted} of {address redacted} email {email redacted}. I submit in a formal respectful manner to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to advocate for reductions in wasteful Council spending prioritising essential services for ratepayers.1) Opposition to the proposed rates increase- I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). Rates have increased by 85% since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth. The proposed split shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs while maintaining existing assets requires 2% and new assets for growth 1.5%. This level of increase is unsustainable for many households.2) Wasteful spending and targeted savings- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items (current expenditure on consultants is $126 million per year across the Council group).- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Alignment with an affordable responsible budget- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget suggests reducing new Council spending by

$150 million (2%) to cap the average rate increase to about 3%: - $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spending - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsI urge Auckland Council to adopt a leaner more efficient budget that protects essential services while limiting rate increases to align with inflation and household capacity. Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9081,336988,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to express strong concern about the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to urge a cap on expenditure growth by reforming Council spending.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen by 30 percent in real terms well above inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increases compounds financial pressure on households already facing rising living costs.To achieve a more affordable rates result I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%): specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Cap spending on consultants: $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI also urge the Council to cut wasteful spending and focus on core services. In particular I request the immediate cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. I further call for freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million right away. Additionally I request that Māori-specific spending be reviewed including the $10 million per year spent on Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) recognising that many argue this is not a core local government function and could be redirected to essential services.I urge the Council to prioritise statutory and essential services and to streamline corporate and backroom functions including reducing consultancy and professional services. These steps are necessary to align spending with ratepayer capacity and the Council's statutory obligations.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9101,336964,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and advocate for significantly reduced wasteful Council spending. Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing the case for restraint is clear and urgent.1) Rates increase and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have effectively risen by 30% in real terms far outstripping cumulative inflation (12%). I oppose increases above inflation and support holding rates to a far more modest level.2) Expenditure reductions to enable lower rates- The Alliance outlines a target to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling an approximate 3% cap on residential rates. This would be achieved by: cutting personnel

costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50m) capping consultants ($50m) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30m) and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20m).- There is a strong case to reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.3) Specific policy spending to reconsider- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than saved and freeze vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Reconsider Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.4) Other context- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% outpacing population growth and inflation. A shift toward leaner operating models is overdue.ClosingI ask Auckland Council to adopt a prudent value-for-money approach that prioritises essential services and reduces wasteful expenditure to keep rates increases near or below inflation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9114,336951,,Howick,Do not support most,Paragraph 1I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far exceeding inflation and population growth. The current 4.4% of the increase allocated to CRL operating costs and the separate needs to fund existing assets and new assets for growth are areas where efficiency gains should be sought before asking households to pay more.Paragraph 2The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance indicates annual consultancy spend of $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation and staff costs have risen sharply. A focus on organisational change and tighter procurement would deliver savings without compromising core services.Paragraph 3Specific measures to achieve savings include:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the premise that such work is not a core local-government function.Paragraph 4If these reductions are implemented a targeted cap on rates could be achieved by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) bringing the average residential rates increase closer to 3%. This aligns with a prudent value-for-money approach and preserves essential services.ConclusionI urge the Council to adopt these savings measures and avoid a high-rate rise that outstrips both inflation and ratepayer affordability. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9124,336939,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns:- The proposed 7.9%

increase equates to about $320 more per average household on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 (after adjusting for inflation). With rates already rising well above inflation further increases should be avoided.- A large portion of the increase funds CRL operating costs (4.4%) while the Council must prioritise essential services and prudent budgeting. The ratepayer burden cannot continue to outpace households' living costs.Specific spending reforms I support:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb consultancy and professional services spend; stop the growth in contracts that do not deliver commensurate value.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which I view as outside the core remit of local government.Additional points:- Stop all consultancy. If councillors are not educated to make these decisions they are in the wrong job. Redirect funds to infrastructure where they are most needed and can deliver tangible benefits.- Maximise income from stadium use including keeping Speedway at Western Springs to improve revenue while maintaining public value. The Waikaraka experience shows crowd declines when changes are made; use outcomes to drive prudent choices rather than personal or political priorities.Conclusion:I urge the Council to cap the average residential rate rise far below 7.9% by implementing the proposed savings measures totaling about $150 million (2%) as outlined in the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9131,336931,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a program of significant spending restraint to place rates outcomes back in line with inflation and essential services.1) Rates increase and fiscal discipline- Oppose the 7.9% average increase; the impact on the average household (about $320) is not affordable especially given a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 against 12% inflation. I support capping increases to around 3% by prioritising core services and reducing waste.2) Expenditure reductions across the Council and CCOs- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cap and reduce spending on consultants and professional services which currently total about $126 million per year across the Council group with a $60 million burden on the Auckland Council parent and high contractor pay.- Specifically cancel or pause non-essential programmes that do not deliver clear ratepayer value such as the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year.3) Staffing and payroll controls- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Recognise that personnel costs and related expenses have grown faster than inflation and that payroll accounts for about $1.3 billion of Council expenditure.4) Māori outcomes and statutory priorities- I oppose extra discretionary spend on Māori outcomes beyond statutory duties; the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae should be reassessed as not a core local government responsibility.5) Additional context- Reducing consultants renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors should be pursued as a primary lever to lower operating costs alongside a stronger emphasis on essential statutory services over discretionary programmes.In sum a measured reduction in new spending by $150 million (2%) with targeted cuts in personnel consultants and non-essential programmes can cap the rate rise to around 3% while safeguarding

essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9151,336909,,Howick,Do not support most,Key context and concerns- The proposed increase of 7.9% equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 (above inflation). This is not affordable for many ratepayers.- The 7.9% rise is breakdowned as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. The focus must be on restoring affordability while ensuring essential services are funded efficiently.- Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. A line-by-line efficiency review is overdue.Position and requested changes- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and request a cap closer to inflation with a credible plan to keep bills affordable.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; that measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approach- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would allow a 3% average rates increase while preserving essential services and reducing discretionary spend.Additional point- My own rate bills have risen significantly and I urge accountability and a containment of future hikes to reflect reasonable budgeting and affordability concerns.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9153,336907,,Howick,Do not support most,Auckland CouncilSubmission on the proposed 2026/27 annual planI am {name redacted} of {address redacted}. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge Council to prioritise reducing wasteful expenditure and refocusing funding on essential services.1. Overall rate increase and rationale- The proposed 7.9% average residential increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation of 12%. A rate rise above inflation undermines household affordability and erodes trust in local governance.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This structure warrants scrutiny and reform to avoid perpetuating inefficiencies.2. Specific measures to reduce expenditure- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Stop the growth in consultancy and professional services; cut spend in this area rather than increasing it.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising this as not a core

local government function.3. Alternative budget and affordability- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. This would be achieved through: - $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spending - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge Council to consider these reductions as a first step toward more affordable rates while still delivering core services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9160,336900,,Howick,Do not support most,The proposed uplift equating to about $320 for the average household is well above inflation and fails to reflect prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds.Key concerns and positions:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. I support keeping rate rises in line with or below inflation not growth that locks in higher costs for households.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. There is clear opportunity to streamline central operations and remove duplicative functions.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advice and contracts should be tightly pruned to essential needs and outcomes.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and as claimed emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department on the basis that this is not a core local government function.- Address red tape: excessive regulatory processes impose unnecessary costs that flow to ratepayers.Alternative Budget approach:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3% with targeted savings from: - Personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: $50 million - Capping consultancy spend: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionIn summary I urge a responsible value-for-money approach to budgeting that prioritises essential services and minimal rate rises. Please consider speaking at the hearings to discuss these points in more detail.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9163,336897,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending. The case for restraint is grounded in evidence from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing and aligns with the need to protect households from a continued real-terms rates push above inflation.1) Rates increase and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average rise translates to roughly $320 more per year for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (compared with 12% cumulative inflation). I support keeping residential rate increases in line with or below inflation not exceeding it.2) Expenditure reform across the Council- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spending on consultants

and professional services must be curbed rather than increased. Current levels ($126 million annually across the group with the average consultant earning about $200000) are excessive for a council of Auckland's size.3) Specific programmes and staffing- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) aligning activities with the statutory roles of local government.4) Alternative budgeting approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average rates increases at about 3%. This would prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and would reflect a more prudent use of ratepayer funds.In closing I urge the Council to adopt a tighter fiscal approach focused on eliminating wasteful expenditure particularly in consulting backroom functions and discretionary programmes and to limit rate increases to inflation plus a modest allowance only if essential services are demonstrably protected.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9175,336883,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase and to advocate for decisive reductions in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This would add approximately $320 to the typical household bill on top of a 30% real rate increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and against a backdrop of cumulative inflation around 12%. The current average rates bill has already risen to about $4069 while Auckland's population has grown. The proposed breakdown2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costscompounds pressure on households and undermines affordability.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across councils and CCOs and to curb spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council currently spends heavily on consultants (about $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant around $200k) and on corporate and business support functions (nearly $868 million in direct expenditure across 18 functions). Cutting these discretionary costs would ease ratepayer burdens without compromising essential services.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings (the estimate is at least $17 million). I further support capping Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as these are not inherent local-government responsibilities.In sum reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) delivering a cap of around 3% for residential rates while protecting essential services. It's a challenging time for many ratepayers; restraint in spending is essential for fairness and confidence in local government.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9176,336882,,Howick,Do not support most,I submit in strong terms opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and in favour of meaningful cuts to wasteful Council spending.Key points- I oppose the average 7.9% increase (about $320 for the average household) and note the real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars far above cumulative inflation (about 12%). The breakdown shows 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsyet overall costs and inefficiencies persist.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled: it costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes Department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rate rises at around 3%: through personnel cost reductions capping consultants renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- I also urge reconsideration of co-governance approaches and the broad use of Māori language in naming; the current approach risks alienating ratepayers who do not support these changes.Specific impacts- Current spend on consultants is about $126 million annually; payroll and personnel costs have grown well ahead of inflation with direct operating expenditure rising 78% from 2013 to 2023. Without restraint further rate increases will simply subsidise poor cost management.ConclusionI request practical verifiable reductions in non-core discretionary expenditure and a disciplined approach to capital projects with rates aligned to inflation plus essential services. A lower rate rise is achievable with targeted savings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,

9187,336870,,Howick,Do not support most,I oppose the 7.9% increase as excessive and out of step with inflation. The plan allocates 4.4% to CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows while the overall burden falls on ratepayers already paying an average $4069 and facing a real increase of 30% since 2022 (in 2022 dollars). Since amalgamation in 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. This cannot continue without meaningful cost discipline.I call for the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services. Auckland Council spends about $126 million per year on consultants across the group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and an average consultant pay of roughly $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 well beyond inflation. A reform of payroll and outsourcing is essential.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for non-essential roles which I understand could save at least $17 million immediately. I further urge renegotiation and consolidation of contracts with vendors to capture at least $30“50 million in savings alongside capping consultant spend at a responsible level.I also request the immediate cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. In addition cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) program at about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.An alternative budget proposal to cap rate increases at around 3% is possible by reducing new Council

spending by $150 million (2%) focused on personnel costs consultants contract renegotiation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27.Key concerns:- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive given the Council's spending patterns. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while population growth and inflation demand stewardship not further unaffordable levies.- A substantial portion of the increase funds CRL operating costs asset maintenance and new assets without clear evidence of value for money to ordinary ratepayers. We should not normalise rate rises well above inflation.Your own expenditure data show high levels of wasteful spend that must be addressed before asking residents to pay

more:- Corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs consume unnecessary dollars.- Consultants and professional services are overused; cap and reduce these costs rather than permitting continual growth.- The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million annually and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; it should be cancelled.- Payroll costs are ballooning; freezing vacancies or not filling non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered as not a core local government function.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance provides an Alternative Budget that cap the rates rise to around 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million across the Council and CCOs:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze- $50 million from consultants and professional services- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsI urge the Council to adopt these efficiency measures align the budget with actual service delivery needs and restore affordability for households already burdened by record-rate increases and a rising cost of living.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

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N/A

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work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending before any rate rise is approved.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates increase. I oppose the average 7.9% increase for residential ratepayers. This translates to about $320 more per household at a time when real increases since 2022 have already reached 30% in constant dollars far outstripping general inflation. Any rate rise should be aligned with inflation and accompanied by demonstrable efficiency gains.2) Expenditure restraint. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council

and CCOs. A stronger focus on essential services and core statutory duties is required before any discretionary spending is expanded.3) Consultancy and professional services. There is a pressing need to cut spend on consultants and external professional services rather than permitting continued growth in these areas. A reduction in this line would enable lower rate demands.4) Food Scraps Programme. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves to reallocate funds to essential services.5) Staffing and payroll. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori-specific spending. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) portfolio about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government obligation.Additional points:- Money spent on frills during hard times is inappropriate; focus on essential services. Playgrounds and basic recreational facilities are acceptable but avoid unnecessary relocations or showpiece projects that divert funds from core needs.Alternative budget approach:Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate rises) through the measures above delivering a maximum 3% average residential rate increase.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for meaningful savings in wasteful spending across the Council and CCOs.Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. It equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run rise in rates of 85% since 2010 far exceeding inflation and population growth.- A credible path to keeping rates affordable is to reduce new and ongoing expenditure by at least $150 million to cap the increase at around 3%. This aligns with an efficiency-focused plan without sacrificing essential services.Recommended actions and supporting context1)

Reduce personnel costs and freeze non-essential hires. A temporary hiring freeze and prioritising vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately while maintaining critical services.2) Curb consultancy and professional services. The current trend of high external spendingestimated at hundreds of millions across the Council groupshould be rolled back with stronger in-house capability and contract renegotiations.3) Cancel non-essential programmes with questionable value. Specifically suspend the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which may not deliver net carbon savings.4) Rationalise discretionary and backroom spending. Consolidate vendor contracts and reduce six-figure salary costs through organisational changes where feasible while protecting frontline services.5) Targeted spending reductions in Māori outcomes. The $10 million/year allocated to Ngā Mātārae should be re-evaluated as a matter for local-government prioritisation ensuring resources focus on statutory and essential services.6) Prioritise statutory and core services over discretionary grants while maintaining transparency and accountability.In summary the rates increase should be aligned with inflation and population needs not unaffordable taxation. The alternative budget approach reduces external spending tightens payroll growth and cancels non-value programmes to achieve a fairer rate outcome.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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essential roles which could save at least $50 million immediately.2) Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.3) Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save $30 million.4) Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.In addition I request the Council to:- Cut spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Halt or significantly reduce the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reconsider Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/'Māori outcomes' function which I believe is not a core local government role and warrants reallocation to essential services.These steps would align rate increases with actual inflation and growth while preserving the essential services Auckland residents rely on. I urge the Council to prioritise efficiency fiscal discipline and greater transparency in how ratepayer funds are spent.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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