



Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

Written Feedback Waiheke Volume #3

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Have Your Say on the Draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026

#43

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback:

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?

Not well at all

Tell us why

On Page 7 there is a map of the local Board area including Rakino Island, Ponui Island and Rotoroa Island. The document is almost 100% Waiheke focused. Other than on the map, Ponui and Rotoroa Islands are not mentioned again. Rakino is only mentioned 1 more time on page 21.

As a home owner and Ratepayer on Rakino Island the consideration of our communities unique needs in this draft document have been completely over looked. other than a replacement hall.

I acknowledge that we have a very small permanent population.

I accept that we have no transport options on the Island. No playgrounds. No Parks. No rubbish dump facility. No Shops. No footpaths. No off street parking.

For our rates our berms are mowed, house hold rubbish is collected from assigned stations, and our Wharf is maintained.

Yet the rates Rakino property owners pay are subject to the same Auckland rating system as properties on the Auckland mainland.

Yet to date we have had to beg for any investment to improve and service the well being of our community which if referred to in this document as being important.

On page 25, the first 3 paragraphs are clearly written with Waiheke in mind and yet they are equally relevant to Rakino.

It is time that each minor Island have a section in your plan. It does not need to be large. . However, inclusion would demonstrate and reassure us that Rakino, Ponui and Rotoroa have been considered in your plan for the area your are responsible for.

A new name for the Document would be a step in the right direction.

" Gulf Islands Board Plan" has a nice ring to it.

Last Friday the Rakino Ratepayers Association met with the Board and other significant staff who are involved in decisions relevant to Rakino.

we were impressed with our new Board and Chair Kylie and her staff. Also our committee was impressed with Shane Hogg. All in all an excellent interaction. We are hopeful that bridges are being built and understanding from all attendees was gained about some of the challenges we all face.

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2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Not really relevant to Rakino

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino was not considered

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Not relevant in your plan to Rakino

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Not relevant to Rakino

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

No relevant to Rakino

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Please see section 1 for my comments



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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

Well balanced and thought out

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino island has been promised replacement of the community hall for all the time that we have had a place there it is in desperate need not just for a community hall but a dry place for people to shelter when they wait for the ferry,

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The rakino community hall is a danger to the community now. There is nowhere to shelter in the rain and no where to gather for community gatherings

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino has only one transporting that is the wharf and there is only enough room for 4 or 5 people to shelter on the deck of the hall

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Please don't let be another year of unmet promises the rakino hall us urgent



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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The opening mihi appears to be the one for the Waitematā Local board, standing on the shores of Ōkahu bay looking out to sea and back towards K' Road? It is not one for Waiheke and the other islands.

Also in that mihi, the site is Te Pane a Whakamuku - Horoiwi only had access to that whenua through his marriage to Whakamuhu.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There is an acknowledgement of the complex makeup of residents with lower average incomes and house prices, and the visiting/impermanent visitors to mostly Waiheke.

While acknowledging the plan for Rakino, there appears to be very little focus on Rangitoto, Motutapu or the other smaller islands which are admittedly administered by other bodies, but do have ongoing economic contributions including eco tourism, visitor experiences etc.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Again it is quite Waiheke focused. There are other natural environment requirements on the other motu within the catchment that could be better incorporated in next years plans with a deepened relationship with appropriate stakeholders.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

While the annual plan states it supports the māori economy and local businesses, last year we found the local board to be in written and public opposition to exactly that, which placed us in an incredibly difficult and public position, without engagement with the iwi directly. We would hope moving forward we can better discuss these opportunities.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Kaipātiki

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

After attending a meeting at the local Waiheke Council and listening to what they stand for, I believe their vision to listen and try and improve what's best for all as a whole is the first step to serving the community and not just one group.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

1. Rakino Island unregistered cars.

If you purchase a car with a current rego and WOF then you can apply to have this transferred to a Rural B license. This allows you to drive your vehicle no more than 2 Km from your residence. No need for a WOF as you do not drive more than 30km on the road and you still have to register your cars each year. If the car looks dangerous then we will let the owners know they should get rid of it. This also allow council to know who the vehicle belongs to. This will resolve the 30 plus unregistered cars on the island. Get rid of the unregistered ones and start fresh,

2. Build steps on Sandy Bay and Woody Bay for safe access. It the moment they are not

3. Build the new hall at the wharf. 4 years is a long time to wait. The community is now getting disengaged as we cannot meet and have functions. Its also serves as a first aid centre. Boaties that need help. Meeting place in an emergency
4. Get Sandy Bay onto the council funder mowing as it is not at present.
5. Tidy up Woody Bay with a Kayak stacker where we can police the usage ourselves
6. Move the toilets at Woody Bay so the day trippers on their own boat can use it. Currently its too far up Jane York with no signage. Guess where they are going to relieve themselves

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We require 1 additional sailing per week. How about arranging 1 ferry per week that heading over to Waiheke and stops at Rakino once a week along with Belaire current service <https://www.belaire.co.nz/rakino-island-ferry/#> 3 times a week is still not sufficient. This would help considerably.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Kaipātiki

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

I support most of the priorities outlined in the draft plan. The focus on community wellbeing, environmental protection, and improving transport is important, as is planning for future growth. I would encourage the Local Board to ensure investment is balanced across maintaining existing parks, sports facilities, and community spaces while also improving transport connections and supporting local businesses. Delivering projects efficiently and ensuring value for ratepayers should remain a key consideration.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

TouchRugby.co.nz supports the overall direction of the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan and encourages the Board to continue investing in community sport and active recreation. Touch rugby provides affordable, social and inclusive opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to stay active, connect with others and improve their physical and mental wellbeing.

We encourage the Local Board to prioritise maintaining and improving sports fields, artificial turf facilities, lighting and supporting infrastructure to ensure they can meet growing

community demand. Reliable access to quality playing surfaces is essential, particularly during winter when natural grass fields are often unavailable.

We also encourage continued support for community organisations that deliver participation programmes, competitions and events. By working alongside local sporting organisations, the Board can help increase participation, strengthen community connections and ensure more Aucklanders have opportunities to be active close to home.

Investing in community sport is an investment in healthier, safer and more connected neighbourhoods, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Waiheke Local Board to achieve these outcomes.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Finish upgrade and reinstate the Orapiu Eastern End wharf for commuters, locals and Eastern End visitors alike. Serves as a valuable connection to Auckland and Coromandel for Tourists and Waiheke residents.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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#1

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The Local Board has good intentions but needs focus on the basics i.e. roading, footpaths, drainage, asset(buildings) etc before any of the soft and fluffy stuff.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I am all for community support. However, community starts at home. I believe Maoridom gets a good percentage of resource and potential to improve, if lead in the right direction.

I believe more discipline is required is required to prevent vandalism and all associated with community dysfunction. Alcohol and drugs are a massive problem on the island and if not addressed will waste Local Board time and effort.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Pest weed is a major problem all over the island and not enough resource to manage it.

- 4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Sound decision making that is going to enhance what we are trying to accomplish

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Housing that has seen its used by date to be pulled down Removal of homeless on the island that are trashing key tourist and local areas of enjoyment.

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Most of the 109 roads on the island are remnants of horse and foot tracks being turned into substandard roads. Safety hazards and Potential death traps.

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.***

The Local Board needs to put a rocket under Auckland Transport to better improve and maintain our roads and footpaths instead of sweeping stones and rocks into the drains causing flooding issues



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

I think it's well written at least and certainly covers everything major

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I think as long as the priorities are on things that help the people here through winter who are the Island residents that actually sustain the community. Outside of the actual plan I know the board has worked hard to support the community through difficult times.

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It's hard to say with the AT merger approaching but I hope the board will continue AT's support for the local Bike hub initiative as a massive part of our cycling community.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

I not totally confident about what the *exact* order of priority is for many of the issues. Having it numbered might be helpful. But otherwise I appreciate it is professionally assembled and written. I can distinguish between AI and handwritten work fairly well and have seen a disappointing amount of its use in local governance publications recently. Glad to see it is largely absent here.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not well at all

Tell us why

The wording of all aspects of the. Document are very Waihiki centric and doesn't reflect the full area this board represents. As a Rak8no resident I felt the document was quite inclusive of Waikhikbut excluded the needs of our small island community.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Still very Waihike inclusive... rak8no has a number of residents close to 80 or over 80 years of age. What is the Biard doing to make it easier for them to stay in their homes?

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

What is in the documents for Rakino Islands benefit?

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino Island has one community building which has been damaged by the weather (and poor planning of its location) it has not been able to be accessed for several years now and nothing concrete has been done to provide a replacement. Most disappointing as the library and community hall was the central point of community and connection. Now there is none. This community centre is needed for the hundreds of home owners and their families.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino Island continues to reject economic development of any sort. We do not want to attract tourists as there's no where for them to go and that's okay.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino Islands ferry terminal is a condemned building and there's no where to stay out if the weather. The lighting is good.

Ferry access for permanent residents needs time discussed with them and not the Ratepayers Association, who does not represent them. Local residents need a return ferry weekly, fortnightly at worst but one that leaves earlier in the day and mid week so they can do their grocery shopping and make appointments. It surprising how many medical et al professionals don't work on Friday afternoons. There have been times when locals have had to go six weeks without a return ferry, this led to food shortages. A make up ferry is needed if there's a cancellation of an in and our ferry.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not well at all

Tell us why

The plan reflects the island's needs moderately well on diagnosis and poorly on delivery alignment. It correctly names what's wrong; it mostly can't, or won't commit to, fixing the things it names.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Health is named repeatedly as a top concern (chair's letter, equity section p.10) but the board has essentially no health mandate. Its instruments are "support the aspirations of health providers" and "advocate" (p.14). One of the most-stated needs gets among the weakest levers.

Ferry affordability is flagged as a challenge (p.13) but the board has zero pricing power — only advocacy for HOP integration and the operating model (p.28).

Housing: affordability and a 30-point income gap are named, but the response is thin — support community-led initiatives, advocate on minor-dwelling standards, an STVA register (p.21-22). No land, no targets, no numbers, for a need of that size.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It doesn't resolve the island's defining contradiction. Tourism is simultaneously the economic base and the primary infrastructure stressor. The plan wants to grow eco-tourism, build a food-art-cultural trail, and promote Waiheke as a destination (p.24–25) — while also managing the burden of 900,000 visitors. It never states a position on the obvious levers: visitor caps, a bed levy, or differential pricing. The strongest it offers is "investigate ways to understand visitor data" (p.24). For residents who feel overrun, that's acknowledgment without mechanism. This is the single biggest gap between stated need and proposed action.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Water security for private supply

Most Waiheke properties rely on rainwater collection and tanks. The plan acknowledges water-supply stress during droughts and population surges (p.16), but its entire response is education on managing private wastewater and stormwater systems (p.17). There is no drought-resilience programme and no investment dimension for what is, for most households, critical private infrastructure.

Recommended change: Add an objective on household water security and drought resilience, including practical support or advocacy beyond education alone (e.g. guidance and incentives for storage capacity, greywater reuse, or community-scale resilience measures).

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Digital/connectivity resilience. The plan flags power and comms as "vulnerable during emergencies" (p.20) but has no broadband or digital-resilience initiative. For an island increasingly running on remote work and commuter income — which the economic section

itself lists as a sector (p.23) — that's a gap. Speaking for myself, as someone whose livelihood depends on a working connection from the island, I'd expect this to rate higher than it does.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It's already behind on transport. The plan repeatedly hedges that the transport governance bill "is progressing" and "if passed" will change things, and on that basis collapses all transport priorities into "a single category" because of "uncertainty" (p.27). But the bill passed — it's now the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Act 2026, with transport functions and Road Controlling Authority status moving from Auckland Transport into Auckland Council. Critically for a local board, local boards get new powers over local and collector roads, including setting speed limits, closing roads for events, managing parking and creating cycleways, with the new arrangements expected to be in place by September 2026 or earlier. Auckland Council + 2

That means several things the plan files under "uncertain" or "advocacy" — speed-calming, the Mātīatia-Onetangi cycleway, event traffic management, the Ostend layout review (p.28) — are about to become direct board decisions, not aspirations. The plan's defensive hedging was reasonable when drafted, but if it's adopted in this form it understates the board's own incoming authority and reads as already stale.

How about making some definitive statements.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

it's a competent positioning document and a weak plan. It reflects what islanders feel a little but reflects the board's capacity to act on those feelings poorly, dodges the tourism contradiction at its core, and needs its transport section rewritten now that the Act has passed. The genuinely local, deliverable, debt-funded decisions (the pool, tracks, parks, the capex programme) are the least specified — which is backwards, since those are the ones the board actually controls.

4. Energy resilience — not just energy emissions

This is the most significant of the supplementary gaps. The plan addresses energy almost entirely as a carbon issue and barely at all as a resilience issue. Its energy-related content is the 2040 net-carbon-positive aspiration (p.10), support for a "fossil-fuel free future" (p.17), facility net-zero (p.20), and a single feasibility study for solar microgrids scoped to community facilities (p.17). Every one of these is framed around emissions reduction.

Meanwhile the plan itself names the problem it then fails to act on: power networks are "vulnerable during emergencies, severe weather events and outage" (p.20). That vulnerability is structural and acute. The island's entire electricity supply runs through twin 33 kV undersea cables from Maraetai on the mainland, terminating at a single 33/11 kV substation at Ostend, operated by Vector. That is a genuine single-point-of-failure exposure for ~9,400 residents — and the plan acknowledges it as a challenge but proposes no initiative to address it.

There is nothing on distributed solar-and-battery as grid resilience, nothing on community-scale backup generation or energy storage, nothing on household-level energy resilience during extended outages, and no advocacy to Vector or the relevant bodies on cable or substation redundancy. This is a missed opportunity the island has form on: distributed energy as grid-resilience (and as a way to defer mainland cable upgrades) has been an established local theme, previously backed by the board through groups such as Electric Island Waiheke.

Recommended change: Add a distinct energy-resilience objective, separate from the emissions/climate framing. At minimum it should: (a) re-scope or extend the solar microgrid work to consider island and community resilience, not only community-facility decarbonisation; (b) address distributed solar-and-battery and storage as resilience infrastructure for extended outages, including at household and neighbourhood-emergency-hub level (linking to the emergency readiness work, p.13); and (c) commit the board to advocate to Vector and relevant agencies on the redundancy and resilience of the cable-and-substation supply.

Submission on the Draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026

Submitter: [Your name] — Waiheke Island resident **Date:** [Date]

Overall position

I support the plan's stated focus areas — climate resilience, transport safety, and restoring the health of the island's ngāhere and waterways — and its diagnosis of the island's structural pressures is largely sound. My concern is with delivery, not direction. As drafted, the plan reflects the island's needs well in description but weakly in commitment: the items the board can actually deliver are the least specified, the island's central economic contradiction is left unresolved, and one section is already out of date. The points below are offered to strengthen the plan, not to oppose it.

1. Set measurable targets on the initiatives the board actually controls

Across all five outcome chapters, the initiative lists are dominated by "support," "advocate," "investigate," and "explore." Very few items carry a measurable target, a timeframe, or an indicative cost. A three-year plan with no falsifiable success criteria cannot be held to account at the end of the term — which also means it cannot be shown to have succeeded.

This matters most for the things the board directly funds and decides: tracks and walkways (p.22), playground and facility renewals (p.21), the parks programme (p.19, p.22), events, and the debt-funded capital programme (p.32, where 100% of capex is funded by increased debt). These are precisely the items where targets are achievable and accountability is fair, yet they are described as loosely as the advocacy items the board cannot control.

Recommended change: For every initiative under the board's direct decision-making (as distinct from advocacy), add a measurable deliverable, an indicative timeframe within the three-year term, and — where capex is involved — an indicative cost band. State explicitly which initiatives are funded within the current allocation and which are contingent on future Long-term Plan or Annual Plan decisions.

2. State a clear position on managing visitor load

The plan acknowledges the defining tension of the island economy: ~9,400 residents against an estimated ~900,000 annual visitors (p.23), with the visitor economy named as both the island's main employment base and the primary stressor on infrastructure, resources, and resident lifestyle (p.23-24). Yet the plan simultaneously commits to *growing* visitation — promoting Waiheke as a destination, developing a walking/art/food/cultural trail, and supporting eco-tourism (p.24-25) — without resolving how that is reconciled with managing the load it already struggles to carry.

The strongest action offered is to "investigate ways to understand visitor data and tourism insights" (p.24). For residents who experience peak-season pressure directly, that is acknowledgement without mechanism. The plan takes no position on the obvious levers: visitor volume management, a visitor levy or bed tax, differential pricing, or carrying-capacity thresholds tied to the Destination Management Plan.

Recommended change: Add an explicit objective on managing visitor load, and commit the board to taking a position — through the Waiheke Destination Management Plan and in advocacy to the Governing Body and central government — on at least one demand-side lever (e.g. a visitor levy, capacity thresholds, or peak-period management). If the board's position is that growth should continue unmanaged, state that plainly so the community can submit on it.

3. Rewrite the Transport section to reflect the board's new statutory road powers

The transport chapter repeatedly hedges that the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill "is progressing" and that, because of "uncertainty," all transport priorities are deliberately placed in "a single category" rather than split between direct decision-making and advocacy (p.27).

That hedging is now outdated. The Bill has passed and is the **Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Act 2026**. Transport functions and Road Controlling Authority status are moving from Auckland Transport into Auckland Council, and — critically for this board — local boards gain new direct powers over local and collector roads, including setting speed limits, closing roads for events, managing parking, and creating cycleways. The new arrangements are expected to be in place by around September 2026, within the first months of this plan's term.

This means several items the plan currently files as "uncertain" or as advocacy are about to become **direct board decisions**, including: speed-calming measures (p.28), the Mātīatia-Onetangi cycleway (p.28), local event traffic management (p.28), and the Ostend village layout review (p.28). The plan as drafted understates the board's own incoming authority.

Recommended change: Update the transport chapter to reflect that the Act has passed. Separate the priorities into (a) matters now within the board's direct decision-making under its new local/collector-road powers, with associated targets and timeframes, and (b) genuine advocacy items (ferry pricing, Public Transport Operating Model inclusion, ferry electrification). Set out how the board will exercise its new road-controlling powers on Waiheke within the term.

Supplementary points

The following two gaps are lower-profile than the above but, in my view, under-weighted

4. Energy resilience — not just energy emissions

This is the most significant of the supplementary gaps. The plan addresses energy almost entirely as a *carbon* issue and barely at all as a *resilience* issue. Its energy-related content is the 2040 net-carbon-positive aspiration (p.10), support for a "fossil-fuel free future" (p.17), facility net-zero (p.20), and a single feasibility study for solar microgrids scoped to *community facilities* (p.17). Every one of these is framed around emissions reduction.

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5. Connectivity resilience

Related to the above: the island's internet also depends on a single mainland link (a fibre route landing on the island). The plan notes communications networks are vulnerable in emergencies (p.20) and lists commuter income and technology among value-adding sectors (p.23), but has no connectivity-resilience initiative. For an island increasingly reliant on remote work and digitally-delivered services — where connectivity loss is both an economic and a safety issue during a weather event — this is a real gap.

Recommended change: Add connectivity resilience as a factor in the emergency readiness and response work (p.13) and, where appropriate, as an advocacy item to the relevant infrastructure providers.

5. Water security for private supply

Most Waiheke properties rely on rainwater collection and tanks. The plan acknowledges water-supply stress during droughts and population surges (p.16), but its entire response is education on managing private wastewater and stormwater systems (p.17). There is no drought-resilience programme and no investment dimension for what is, for most households, critical private infrastructure.

Recommended change: Add an objective on household water security and drought resilience, including practical support or advocacy beyond education alone (e.g. guidance and incentives for storage capacity, greywater reuse, or community-scale resilience measures).

Structural points: the plan's category framework

The points above are about gaps within the plan's structure. This final set is about the structure itself.

A. The category framework has a chilling effect on concerns that do not fit it

The plan is organised around five illustrated outcome categories (Community, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economic Development, Transport) plus three regionally-imposed cross-cuts (Māori, Climate, Equity). These map closely onto the board's statutory levels of service (p.30). That alignment is understandable, but it has two filtering effects worth naming:

First, anything that does not fit a category struggles to appear at all. Second, every category is framed in an aspirational, good-news register — "enhance," "celebrate," "protect," "thrive." Concerns that are inherently about cost, conflict, failure, trade-off, or risk have no natural home, because they cannot be phrased as an outcome the board is succeeding at. The result is that some of the island's most material issues appear only as scattered "challenge" bullets with no owning objective, or do not appear at all.

I acknowledge the legitimate constraints: the categories track where the board holds decision-making power, the cross-cuts are imposed regionally, and the Advocacy sections are a designed escape valve. But the effect on what gets raised is real regardless of intent, and the Advocacy valve only catches issues the board has already chosen to champion — it does nothing for concerns that never surface because no category prompts them.

Recommended change: Either widen the framework to give the homeless issues below an explicit objective, or add a clearly-signposted section for cross-cutting and difficult issues that do not fit the outcome categories, so they are visible rather than absent.

B. Affordability and cost of living should be an explicit objective

This is the clearest casualty of the framework. The plan names a 30-point household-income gap (\$85,800 vs Auckland's \$116,800) and annual ferry price rises (p.13), and the

chair references keeping rates affordable (p.4) — but affordability is neither a category nor a cross-cut, so it dissolves into unconnected challenge bullets with no objective behind it. For many residents, the viability of *staying on the island* is the single most pressing issue, and the plan has no place to hold it.

Recommended change: Add an explicit affordability / cost-of-living objective that draws together the threads currently scattered across the plan (ferry costs, rates, housing affordability, the income gap, access to mainland services), with concrete actions and advocacy positions attached.

C. Resilience should be a single coherent objective, not fragments in separate boxes

The island's defining strategic vulnerability is its dependence on single mainland lifelines — the power cable and Ostend substation, the fibre link, the ferry, and the food supply that rides on them. The framework splits this one problem across separate boxes: energy resilience has no home (point 4 above), connectivity has no home (point 5), water has no home (point 6), and food-supply resilience is not named as a challenge at all, despite being the same single-point-of-failure logic. The island therefore never gets a coherent account of its own resilience, even though this is arguably its most important long-term question.

Recommended change: Create a single Resilience / self-sufficiency objective that unifies the energy, connectivity, water, and food-supply points into one coherent strategy, rather than leaving them as fragments (or omissions) across other categories. This is the structural fix that the individual resilience points above each point toward.

D. Add a candid "risks and trade-offs we cannot resolve" section

Because every category is framed as a positive aspiration, the plan has no place for the hard realities it cannot turn into good news: coastal properties facing managed retreat or becoming uninsurable; the unresolved contradiction between growing tourism and managing its load; failing septic infrastructure and groundwater risk; development and character conflict where no community consensus exists; and the board's own constraints, including a capital programme funded entirely by debt (p.32). A plan that only contains aspirations cannot contain honesty about what it cannot fix.

Recommended change: Add a short, plainly-worded section setting out the significant risks and trade-offs the board faces and *cannot* fully resolve within its powers or budget over the term. This would strengthen the plan's credibility, not weaken it — a community can engage far better with candour about limits than with uniform optimism.

Summary of recommended changes

1. Attach measurable targets, timeframes, and indicative costs to every initiative under the board's direct control.
2. Take an explicit position on managing visitor load, including at least one demand-side lever.

3. Rewrite the transport chapter to reflect the now-enacted transport governance reform and the board's new direct road powers.
4. Add an energy-**resilience** objective (distinct from emissions), addressing the single-point-of-failure cable/substation supply and distributed solar-and-battery as resilience infrastructure.
5. Add connectivity resilience to the emergency readiness work and advocacy.
6. Add a household water-security and drought-resilience objective.
7. Address the chilling effect of the category framework — give homeless issues an explicit home, or add a section for issues that do not fit the outcome categories.
8. Add an explicit affordability / cost-of-living objective.
9. Unify the resilience fragments (energy, connectivity, water, food supply) into a single coherent Resilience / self-sufficiency objective.
10. Add a candid "risks and trade-offs we cannot resolve" section.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.



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Your feedback:

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Quite well

Tell us why

Well its a challenge if there is no money to implement it, we have to keep moving forward as an island there are lots of locals/community pepes that support the ideas as long as there is a plan and leadership

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

leadership and money if you have those you can get the goals

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

i feel the local Maori need to be present and inclusive not exclusive to all the hardwork mahi being done, if there is a workshop they need to be represented so we can move forward as a community not wait until they decide if they support or not in a separate meeting, we should all be at the same table to make descions and move one

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

wheres the money and leadership?

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

yes we need to invest in infrastructure for non vehicle transport, but we need to be mindful of technology, in other countries the bike is massive mode of transport and they sit in the traffic happily, maybe we need lower speed limits or driver education, don't waste monies on charging thats the responsibility of the owner and battery technology is getting better, yet again technology will solve alot of current transport issues

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

lets work together around the same table as one not seperatley and move together as one island and one people



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Not very well

Tell us why

Because it's aspirational not tactical

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Because it's aspirational not tactical

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Banning Botton trawling is a no-brainer

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Because it's aspirational not tactical

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Because it's aspirational not tactical

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Because it's aspirational not tactical

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Do the essentials right.

Lighting, potholes, walkways, storm water drainage.

Challenge why petrol has a 80c to 1dollar premuim over the mainland (Commerce Commission).

Challenge why AGAIN Fullers Waiheke is excluded from Transport Cost Capping because , you know... - when its also convenient to lump us in as Auckland CBD for the CCL and other projects



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

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Not well at all

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

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Not well at all

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

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- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not well at all

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- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Publicity, Have Your Say etc

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

These elements all chime nicely with Waiheke's needs.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Again, these are all highly topical local issues, although getting priorities right will be key. I'd life conservation of our marine and coastal environment to be top priority because it encompasses many of the things we need to do better, managing run-off, improving drainage,

getting a better handle on septic tank stewardship, tackling the consequences of heavy vehicles especially those not already electrified, etc.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

All relevant, but sustainable living requires attention to two Waiheke problems - damp gullies, and empty or largely unused dwellings.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Once again, these are appropriate. However, visitor industry management needs to be sensitive to the reality that for most locals Waiheke is their home community and a largely suburban one at that. Not "party central".

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Fine, but ferry terminals aren't just gateways to our island, they're also gateways to our visits to Auckland for work, school, medical appointments, or onward travel.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Meeting climate change goals requires getting the basics right - education especially in schools of climate effects, how to mitigate them, coherent emergency management planning, respect for keeping streets tidy, weeded/mowed street-sides, regular drain cleaning, minimising clay and other run-offs. Maori outcomes aspirations will be met by gradual understanding by locals of history, cultural sensitivities, language usage, i.e., more of the same.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

I don't know

Tell us why

There are just vague "we want to accomplish xxx in 3 years" statements with no detail.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We spent \$30k on resource consents for a house addition including strengthening our wastewater system - only to have AT pour stormwater from the road all over our section. This is disgusting behavior from council.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Waiheke's foreshore is limited to public beaches only. Most land is not accessible to public and held by personal interests.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Most profit goes to AT and Fullers with no local benefit.

AT does not use profits to build footpaths or cycleways. They just encourage larger buses.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Where to start - we live in Onetangi and wish to cycle to the ferry every day. We simply cannot do this as the roads are just unsafe to cycle.

Local hire companies hire 100s of bikes a day to tourists then let them loose on skinny roads with idiot locals and huge double-decker busses. How is that logical or safe. profit over safety (should be ATs motto)

There are a lack of footpaths. I have been pushed off the roads several times by busses, trucks and utes attempting to walk up the road where I live. I just drive everywhere now.

Honestly - AT treats Waiheke like some third world country - where in reality it is a fast growing commuter suburb that requires compliant infrastructure.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Just get the basics right rather than complying to lefty ambition. The country wont get anywhere focussing on fluffies.



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Your feedback:

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Not well at all

Tell us why

Too airy fairy, forget about all the "nice to haves" we cant afford it, stick to the basic services that a council should provide, be better at controlling costs and get rid of cultural pandering and virtue signalling. For example you spent millions on changing the name of some train stations and then proceeded to get rid of public rubbish bins across AK, rubbish removal is a core council service, the public requires you to get this done first not waste money on something no one except council really cares about.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It is not up to council to concern themselves with any of this. Direct funds to core council services

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**
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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Wai? English please

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There is too much emphasis on everything Maori within council, the majority of the population is not Maori nor do they speak Maori or have any interest in Maori culture yet we have bilingual signs everywhere on council property and bilingual language on all council websites and documentation with the Maori fonts being prominent, larger and bolder than the English part. Not only is this unfairly balanced in favour of someone else's language, it makes it harder to find what your looking for on websites, is difficult to decipher signage, particularly warning signs and public transport signage and overall it is offensive to the majority.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Please don't let anyone who works for the council have anything to do economic development or business, you have proven to be incompetent at fiscally running council so why would you think we can trust you with any form of business planning, maybe employ outside help with this but please make sure you put a cap on funds.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Follow the government's instructions (like the rest of the country did) on returning speed limits back to the sensible limits we used to have and remove the multitude of unnecessary and visually polluting speed limit signs that were installed.

We need a dedicated cycleway from Matiatia to Onetangi (without reducing the road to cars or having shared zones)and enforcement and education directed at cyclists as how to ride

appropriately as they are their own worst enemy when it comes endangering themselves on the road.

Stop resealing the roads in the "rich" areas every few years (Delamore drive for example) and fix up the roads that haven't had any major work done on them for over 10 years (lower Obrien Rd for example)

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Leave climate and Maori issues up to central government, AK council needs to stop wasting ratepayers money and focus on core council services. Its not councils right to spend ratepayers money on one segment of the population.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Can we please have some proper areas for a pump track not the plastic one and areas for kids to ride bikes safely.

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Smaller more frequent services with smaller sized buses

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Feels heavily reliant on volunteer action, but good to see the LB supporting these groups

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

In terms of targeted health action there needs to be a strong support for local groups/organisations dealing with meth addicts and supporting those with mental health issues. The wait time for call-outs to those experiencing mental health trauma is appalling and dangerous

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Stop the council mowing our berms and especially using agrichemicals to restrict berm growth. Healthy plant life is one of the best safeguards against storm damage. Stop culling of trees. Preserving natural spaces is more important than providing public access. Often the two are mutually exclusive. Tourist tax? At the moment, Fullers is getting this money. Maybe Fullers should be forced to pay a tourist tax? Solar microgrids are a good idea.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

More focus on private housing, eg support and promote local solar initiatives - have a goal that all Waiheke homes become self-sufficient, and able to provide our own electricity. There should be a trusted local solar installer who is recommended by the board.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Not very focused on the way businesses abuse the night sky in Oneroa with their advertising, especially real estate and fast food. If Arrowtown can restrict their businesses in order to maintain a beautiful environment, so can we.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Love the increased coverage, and that the busses are electric, but they're too big for the roads. There are smaller ones available, we should be using them. Fullers should be paying for wharf upgrades, they're the ones making money out of us all. Absolutely the ferries should be part of the PTOM

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

become self-sufficient - fast-track electricity creation and storage - community gardens' produce should be allowed to be sold, how can we make the supermarket prices more reasonable?



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

I have read many draft plans with same key areas. I see no new initiatives

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- Affordable housing
- Youth drop in centre providing suicide prevention counselling
- Animal control, dog owners education, apply for a licence to keep an animal
- Living alongside our endangered species, how to co-exist

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- Rāhui management plan, more educational information
- Waahi Tapu sites, acknowledgement plaque information public access

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Return place names to Māori names. Palm Beach should be Māwhitipana and there are many more

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Event planners struggle to afford the cost of traffic management

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Park & drive station in Ostend and Oneroa, free parking

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

You have identified our strengths and weaknesses very well. It is well articulated and forward thinking plan. We are a fragile, beautiful space which is a popular visitor destination adding to the strains on our infrastructure. Also our region faces a bio-diversity crisis. This must be addressed in a variety ways.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would only add in supporting connecting people in the various communities.

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Stopping Bottom trawling and commercial fishing in the Gulf would seem to be the most sensible course. A suggestion would be to forbid fishing with fossil fuelled boats in the area. Protecting fish and kelp is of the utmost importance. Keep pushing Zero waste and forbidding single use containers as a goal on the island. Continue to promote good waste water management and look at new methods such as electro coagulation for the Oneroa treatment plant and at risk areas.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Lobby for an empty house tax to assist in building affordable homes for all our island people.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Sustainable food production should be part of this. Waiheke can be a food and dinning destination as well. Suggest an overseas visitor levy to be targeted to funding safe infrastructure.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

In other to keep our people and visitors safe, our roads should be looked at in terms of sharrows and soft transport safety. This would require traffic calming, speed monitoring and some education for locals and visitors in terms of respecting all road users.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Lobby for electric ferries, lobby for car ferries to give electric vehicles coming to the island a discount on their tickets. Run videos on road safety on the ferries. More slow down signage.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

We need proper cycle ways, not just token efforts on some roads. Our roads are narrow and we have increasing vehicle sizes using them. Give cyclists a truly safe space to be.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Our waste collection is a joke. How can we recycle properly if collection is once every two weeks? Do something radical. Waste to energy plants would be a good fit for the island.

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. **How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. **How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Our roads are a joke. The busses are too big. The island relies on tourism, do something unique to give us a USP. you need to cater better for the people who's living comes from working on the island. Builders etc, holiday rentals etc.

7. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**

Do better for residents.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

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Quite well

Tell us why

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I think the Built Environment needs a focus on better access to parks and reserves for people with mobility issues. For example, at Owhanake Reserve, its actually challenging for people with bad knees or other issues to walk up that small, steep incline to the reserve from the parking space. it doesn't seem like far but for someone waiting on a knee operation (a common thing among aging locals) a ramp with hand rail would be good. Also walking in reserves becomes harder for older people overall because most reserve are not actually flat. they are on an angle which you suddenly notice if you are not perfectly able bodied.

There are a lot of people on the island who are not kids and who don't have kids. They need good spaces too and just helping get better access onto public spaces would be good.

Even at Oneroa the sidewalks are on angles on the high side and there could be a really good hand rail there. More hand rails would be good.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I think as the signs bylaw comes up for rejigging next year you could be enabling better signs for home workers. Its very limited at the moment.

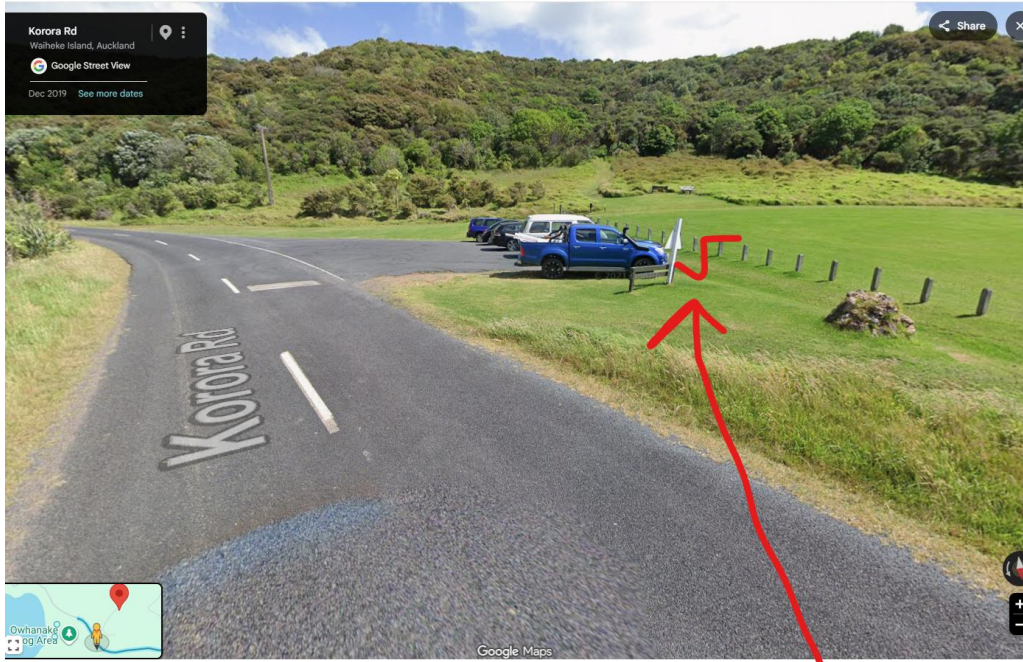
6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would like more sidewalks and better access into and around public spaces for people who are less able bodied. What's the point of growing old here if you can't go for a safe walk. Hand rails, even on uneven ground, would be a great thing for people in my opinion.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



handrail + steps/Ramp



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

Our Natural Environment is crucial to 'who we are' and our aspirations including becoming more and more predator free. Our island sits among a number of treasure islands in the a Marine Park. Our Natural Environment attracts visitors throughout the year. Looking at the built environment the Plan acknowledges the importance of exploring ways to improve and grow our housing stock. Housing and rental stock problems causes community distress and undermines our community's sustainability.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Our local marae Piritahi is actively involved in our community and our calendar of community events and we need to build on the welcome presence and mahi of our mana whenua Ngati Paoa. I would like to see the island increasing its profile as an arts destination, a place where people could stay and enjoy creative arts offered by Waiheke - visual, literature, music museums, theatre

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Our Natural Environment is part of our 'unique character' and has been identified in every community survey, including 'Essentially Waiheke' as crucially important to community members.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Improving housing stock and solutions to long term rental availability should be high on the agenda over the next years. Without solid work in this area our community is undermined.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I highly value the focus on sustainable economic development - which means low impact on infrastructure and the Natural environment. I totally support growing Waiheke's profile as an arts destination (BANFF in Canada is an interesting model)

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We have a somewhat challenging topography, steep hills, winding existing roading networks. If this is acknowledged not just as a challenge but an opportunity. "Slow down you are here" sums up my support for this part of LB plan - visitors can enjoy a different lifestyle/holiday experience - a relaxing, environment rich experience. I want to see the road verges rich in vegetation and reduced road speed retained on many of our winding coastal roads. Moving our bus fleet to smaller buses would be good - if they can be electric and smaller. There is a need for more innovative ideas for moving commuters from all parts of the island to Matiatia -

so there is less need for people driving to and parking near Matiatia. Maybe the LB could set up a community ginger/brain storming group for coming up with new ideas.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Smaller electric buses Grants for council owned buildings to move to solar energy
Continue to support the Ngai Paoa rahui to protect/improve our coastal environment - this includes wider kelp restoration initiatives (an important Climate change mitigation action)

Ensure our 'light pollution' remains low through bi-laws and other local regulation in relation to residential, roading and development lighting plans. Continue to explore ways of supporting Quiet Skies Waiheke.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

no focus or even comment re older population...over 30% of population....Maori are part of headline but only represent about 10%

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

the oldies ..it says enhance maori well being ..what us gold carders

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

but nothing about protecting us in event of major storm ,,,,no back up power...no real effort to educate us on how to handle....the-recent 75 page doc on dealing with disasters is a start

...but why isn't it on our rates notice ..via QR code...as a minimum St Johns could be set up with solar battery reserves ...water supplies ...hot summer....is the undergrowths being controlled...are land owners aware of how to keep their property low risk

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

dont know what any of that means..improve the open space ?????- housing priority is housing for essential workers..health,education,police....

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The art gallery should be so much more ...we are a key Auckland tourist attraction ...but we are falling behind ...Auckland needs to be serious about a decent art gallery

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our *climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations*.

why so much focus on maori outcomes when they represent such a small portion of our population....it should say enhance waiheke's younger population and families across all races



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The Plan has the right outcomes focus

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The Plan has the right outcomes focus

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Why "wai"?

What about floodwater - need to provide roadside drains

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

What is "local placemaking"?

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Better manage trees that are growing on the berms. Too many power disruptions due to trees.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There is a pressing need for social housing on the island . This should be given top priority

The open space network still has significant gaps and leaves people reliant on roads rather than walkways

In some places such as Pohutukawa Ave Rocky Bay public access to an important reserve was destroyed by storms 7 years ago and has not been replaced by Council

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The bus routes and timetables are not fit for purpose . In particular the 502 route makes a 20 minute car trip from Rocky Bay to Matiatia into a 40 plus minute bus trip . People avoid this by driving cars to Ostend and catching the far quicker Onetangi bus . Therefore people are still using their cars rather than public transport.

A far better option is a shuttle from Rocky Bay with a small bus going to meet Onetangi bus .

The pot-holed road surface and narrowness of O'Brien rd makes this a dangerous road to walk or drive on. The situation deteriorated significantly with the introduction of the heavier and wider electric buses

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our *climate change* goals or *Māori outcomes aspirations*.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

There is no mention of Te Matuku Marine Reserve and the need to restore and protect it from damage that will be massive if the Clean fill development on its very edge is allowed to proceed

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

More encouragement. Of sustainable land use such as syntropy and permaculture organic food and rongoa production would benefit all

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Get on with a pool

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Fuel prices are excessive

Work towards energy supply including hydrogen

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Transport is changing there are a lot of empty big buses driving around ...maybe smaller on demand shuttles would work more efficiently

Robotic drivers is not far away do we need them ?

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

The local board is doing a great job so far



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Your feedback:

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?

Quite well

Tell us why

While the plan mentions accessibility I believe that the Board needs to be more overt about how they will include the needs of disabled people on the island. Access around the island is difficult for various parties (such as cyclists) but it is particularly challenging for disabled people due to steep sloping driveways, a lack of accessible footpaths, few accessible buildings, no accessible taxis and only marginally accessible ferries. While Waiheke has a greater proportion of disabled people aged 15-29, none of the large national disability support services have a presence on the island and a lack of visibility of disabled people means many developments and initiatives do not consider disabled people. Waiheke also has a large and increasing number of older people who are more likely to experience age related disability but there has been little discussion about how Waiheke is working towards being an age friendly place to live and visit. Disability support at a national level has been the target of budget cuts and disempowerment. Local government is able to have a significant positive impact on disabled people if they consistently and overtly considering the needs of disabled people throughout all of their activities. I would like the plan to give a bold commitment to advocate for disabled people to have access to all aspects of social and economic life, to protect and promote the resources that disabled people have on the island, and to ensure a disability lens is applied to the activities that the Board engages in and supports.

2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would like the plan to give a bold commitment to advocate for disabled people to have access to all aspects of social and economic life

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would like the Board to commit to ensuring a disability lens is applied to the activities that the Board engages in and supports.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Although there have been great advancements with disability design for the built environment, most of Waiheke's built environment remains inaccessible to disabled people. Architects, designers, developers, business owners, and other members of the community may have little contact with disabled people, and lack the attitudes and knowledge needed to create an environment that is accessible to disabled people. The Board should apply a disability lens to all that it is involved with, advocating for new developments, renovations and upgrades to meet the NZ 4121 standard at the very least. The Board should question the knowledge and attitudes of all those who it consults with, works alongside and funds to determine if well informed disability design has been included.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

To date tourism that is accessible to disabled people has attracted little attention. By employing a strong disability advocacy stance, Waiheke could attract the 16% of the world population who identify as disabled, including the many who chose to travel via cruise ship as an accessible travel option. Furthermore, by employing the idea of universal design (which is design for disabled people, older adults, people with young children and others) in the

activities that the Board engages in and supports, Waiheke could become an even greater destination for visitors.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There are significant barriers for disabled people moving around the island. While some of the buses are accessible, it is impossible for many people to get from their home to the bus stop and the world beyond. There is no wheelchair accessible taxi, and just the one wheelchair accessible van on the island managed by the RSA. There appears to be a focus on developing cycleways, however I implore the Board to build "shared paths" which would prevent further exclusion and improve transport around the island for more of the population. The Board has supported bringing the Mobility Taxi scheme assessment to the island which is wonderful. Fullers boats have limited accessibility and only provide support for someone who needs assistance with travel on occasion. Advocating for a more robust system that ensures people who need assistance to travel on the ferry can do so without incurring double the transport fees is essential for supporting residents who want and need to access the city, and for visitors to access the island. Having Fullers and Sealink support a system such as the Hāpai Card (hapaiaaccesscard.org.nz) would reduce the bureaucracy involved in writing letters of support every time someone needs to travel, and provide a more robust system to address the barriers that the inaccessible ferries create.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our *climate change* goals or *Māori outcomes aspirations*.

If addressing participation barriers for disabled people are considered in all activities, the possibility of people participating in climate change action is increased. Disabled people, including older adults with age related impairment, offer significant potential for volunteering provided they know about and can access such activities.

Colonisation and continued structural inequity means that on Waiheke Māori who are disabled are over represented in all age groups. Māori are more likely to use a bus or walk to work, and are much more likely to be paying high-very high home rent costs compared to the rest of NZ. Both these factors further inhibit the possibility of participation in the community. Māori disability advocates recognise that disability is understood very differently from a western individual deficit view. Disability is a source of expertise and a support need for the whānau. It is important that the disability lens the Board takes for advocating for disabled people does not view disability as something that belongs to an individual, or that disability should be addressed by individualised needs assessments, supports or services. Rather, disability is something that we are all responsible for constructing in our day to day activities.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

SO vague

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Mental health initiatives, we have had many many suicides on the island recently (of all backgrounds too)

Not enough is being done to help people mentally here.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Fishing (people catching undersize fish from our coastline). Who is there to monitor this? so far its an unsafe local vigilante situation.

Much more needs to be done about invasive pests, including plants. who monitors this? fines should be given to property owners who don't address such problems.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Why is this about Maori? The built environment should focus on community facilities that promote inclusion of ALL.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Thank the Argentinians.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

good to mention supporting the special nature of Waiheke, but too late as the pohutukawa's were chopped to make way for the double decker busses.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Proportionately there are more more Maori than Pakeha on the Waiheke local board and I believe this is creating a bias.

There is too much forced focus on Maori aspirations and outcomes.

why not bring to light any other minority group? By constantly bringing up Maori Maori Maori it creates more of a divide instead of inclusion and community.

What about our Latino community? they help float this small island by doing all the grunt work that kiwis don't want to do, are treated poorly (financially and racially), yet continue to show up, support, maintain and love this island continuously.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

I find it massively impressive all the board can do with the funding that they have. And as a dreamer myself I believe in the lofty goals specified in the draft and believe it's a hard; but worthwhile endeavor.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I am an advocate for Maori culture being preserved and respected.

I think community is an apt starting talking point given through unity true change can actually occur.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would say that I would want a initiative that showcases Programmes procedure for recycling. I don't know how to do that, maybe a promotional/journalistic exposé on the facility by the local news? I just know that my own feelings of recycling distrust stem from obscurity and I new that more recycling was properly being processed than not, I would feel more secure in the establishment in charge of it.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

This is an extremely tricky subject especially because infrastructure has always been difficult for this island. Many millionaires live here raising the price for living. And I thoroughly approve of more recreational facilities, with limited space on the island and a disproportionate youth to elderly I think the systemic issue with managing proper options for public fun miss out on the people who actually here and instead most of the designated options are relegated to tourist attractions which is the onus I have been noticing for the community with the green bike lanes, and scooters and the wineries being advertised via the ferry.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I feel economic strength is no secret being one of the most important facets of a society.

I feel my thoughts from the last quorum I wrote sums up my feelings on the matter.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan**7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

I want to be able to do more for our home and appreciate all you do. Thank you.



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Tell us why

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Secondly, I believe Waiheke has an excellent opportunity to strengthen its off-season economy by developing a network of mountain bike trails around the island. A well-planned trail network, developed in partnership with private landowners where appropriate, could become a significant attraction similar to the successful trail systems in Queenstown and other parts of New Zealand.

Mountain biking attracts visitors throughout the year, not just during the summer months. It encourages longer stays, increases spending at local accommodation providers, cafés, restaurants and shops, and creates additional employment opportunities for local businesses. A high-quality trail network would also provide another recreational asset for residents while helping diversify Waiheke's tourism offering beyond beaches and vineyards.

I encourage the Local Board to explore opportunities to work with Auckland Council, local landowners, iwi, community groups and tourism organisations to investigate the feasibility of developing a connected mountain bike network that respects the island's natural environment.

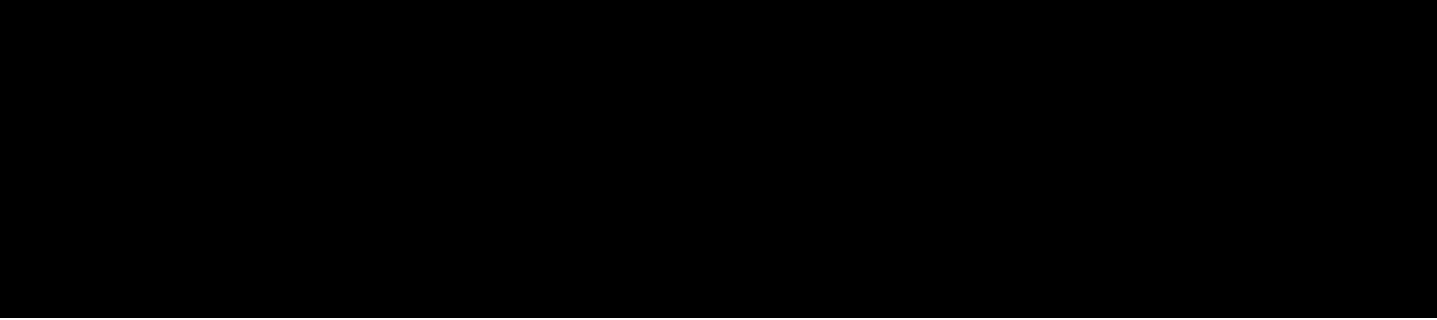
6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Firstly, we live on Garratt Road in Onetangi and are concerned about the lack of a safe pedestrian route between the start of Waiheke Road and Garratt Road. This section of Waiheke Road is a busy main road with a significant volume of traffic, yet there is no footpath for people walking.

Residents and visitors are forced to walk on or very close to the road, creating an unnecessary safety risk. I encourage the Local Board to consider providing a safe pedestrian connection, perhaps by creating a pathway through Poutakawa Reserve alongside Waiheke Road or by constructing a boardwalk. This would improve safety, encourage walking, and better connect the Onetangi community.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



Dear Waiheke Local Board,

I am writing to provide feedback on the Waiheke Local Board Plan regarding transport, community safety, and economic development.

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I encourage the Local Board to explore opportunities to work with Auckland Council, local landowners, iwi, community groups and tourism organisations to investigate the feasibility of developing a connected mountain bike network that respects the island's natural environment.

Thank you for considering these suggestions as part of the Local Board Plan. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and hope these ideas can contribute to making Waiheke a safer and more vibrant place to live and visit.

Kind regards,





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Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

There are some great inclusions e.g., preventing overfishing, however the glaring gap, even as a cyclist there's so much focus on cycleways, to the apparent exclusion of roading improvements, bus service improvements, walkways and tracks

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Nothing is being done to combat asparagus fern and tobacco weed which are choking our bush!

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The roads are in an appalling condition in Omiha Rocky Bay. Rather than properly fixing O'Brien Rd, especially from Valley Rd to the Bay, the focus was on all the quiet one lane roads - I guess they were easier to sort. For cyclists they are downright dangerous with potholes and lumps everywhere due to patchwork resolution. A flurry of activity at the end of the financial year is simply not good enough and prioritising the complete reseal of Te Whau Drive for max 30 households was illogical. We also should include RED SLOW painted signage on the roads (as per Surfdale) to the entry of Omiha Rd, GlenBrook, McMillan, Okoka and Valley Rd. I will say locals are the worst transgressors in speeding and exceeding the speed limit.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Your feedback:

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Tell us why

see attached document

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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see attached document

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Consultation closes 11.59pm Thursday 23 July 2026

What can the Local Board do to improve the way we engage with you when making decisions about the Island's future?

Site visits would improve understanding.

FEEDBACK

At the recent Local Board meet and greet, at Onetangi Hall, it was suggested that interested parties comment on all the key initiatives that are relevant to them. In order to do this we have decided to provide written feedback following the order in which the key initiatives are set out under their respective headings in the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026. Our comments are in italics.

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our Islands for the next three years?

I don't know – Waiheke is a very diverse community. I do not presume to have any useful understanding of the needs and aspirations of other islanders or how those needs and aspirations would accumulate up into needs and aspirations for the Island as a whole.

Comments:

Pages 8 through 11 of the draft Plan set out the vision for overarching outcomes from the draft Plan. Equitable outcomes, fairness and sustainability all get a mention.

A 9 July 2026 Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender article (page 40) headed "Council wants to uproot anti moth plant rule" contained the statement: "(Phil) Brown (Council head of natural environment delivery) said due to cost, aside from the Biosecurity Focus Areas the council relies on public complaints. This raises an equity issue, on top of the fairness concern of imposing high costs on some landowners."

We are Waiheke. We are not Auckland Mainland. We are an Island. We have unique advantages. Arguing that the moth plant control rules on Waiheke are inequitable or unfair and we should remove them, to be fair and equitable with the Auckland Mainland, is lowest common denominator thinking and should be rejected.

When prospective purchasers purchase land on Waiheke they are deemed to be aware of the relevant laws, rules, etc (ignorance is no excuse) and, prior to purchase, they have the opportunity to undertake due diligence. By purchasing land, here on Waiheke, purchasers accept the rights and responsibilities of ownership.

The issue is similar if an individual purchases a dog. On becoming a dog owner one is subject to the rights and responsibilities of being a dog owner. Not everybody chooses to buy land on Waiheke, or even elsewhere, or become a dog owner. Should we require everyone or no-one to own land or a dog in the interests of fairness and equity?

Equally, in respect of landowners on Waiheke, is it "fair" for a small percentage of landowners, who are not controlling moth plant on their properties, to undermine the time, effort and resources other

landowners have put and continue to put in to controlling moth plant on their properties and who are abiding by the social contract? Clearly not!

In respect of dog owners on Waiheke - is it "fair" for a small percentage of non-compliant dog owners to undermine the amenity of Waiheke for the rest of the population (who are abiding by the social contract), not to mention posing a threat to kiwi, dotterel, banded rail, weka? Clearly not!

Accountability is key. Accountability is only achievable with a back stop of enforcement.

People respond to incentives. Many landowners on Waiheke are voluntarily working to control moth plant on their properties. Other landowners have been "encouraged" into working to control moth plant on their properties, by their neighbours, because enforcement provisions backstop the moth plant control rule. Yet other landowners have been "encouraged" by letters from Auckland Council (footnote 1). Some landowners, however, are immune to education and persuasion and for those people it is critical Waiheke has competent, efficient enforcement procedures – because, when it comes to moth plant, a single errant landowner is potentially catastrophically destructive to the efforts of others.

Footnote 1 – Auckland Council Officers have advised they have historically preferred education over enforcement. This will have both skewed the enforcement statistics (as referred to by Mr Brown) such that the statistics should be ignored and resulted in errant landowners not controlling their moth plant which has exacerbated the scale of the problem we are now faced with.

Under headings "Climate outcomes" and "Equitable outcomes" (page 10) the draft Plan mentions "restoring the environment" and a thriving "natural environment". Clearly the environment will not be restored and the natural environment will not thrive if the current moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

2. Community objectives – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Community in this section?

I don't know – presumably the totality of feedback will provide the Local Board with its answer.

Comments:

Thankfully, in this document, the Local Board recognises that Waiheke has a "unique character" as a result of its "coastal environment and geographic isolation" from Auckland and that "Waiheke's volunteer groups are active and dedicated" and they "understand Waiheke's unique character".

Both the history of Waiheke and the kind of people who choose Waiheke as their home lead one to think that, as a proportion of landowners / residents, it is very likely that more Waihekeans (than Aucklanders) are involved, in some way, in conservation and are concerned about the quality of Waiheke's natural environment.

Waiheke has no possums, wallabies or deer. Feral pigs and goats have been eradicated. There is an ongoing mustelid eradication programme. Historically Waiheke (and Rakino) have had stricter moth plant control rules than Auckland Mainland and many many landowners and volunteers have invested significant resources (both time and money) in moth plant control across both private and public land with positive results.

So, it would be a great shame, not to mention a waste of a lot of effort and money, to see the moth plant controls relaxed or removed as Waiheke's natural environment will inevitably degrade as a result. When it comes to moth plant every weak link (a non-complying landowner) undermines the efforts of all the complying landowners.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- A resilient, connected and compassionate community – support local initiatives including volunteer groups, that enhance connection and diversity, reduce isolation and promote community development.

Locals invariably know their local environment better than non-locals and / or Council Officers. Taking advantage of local knowledge is key to effective strategic planning and successful outcomes.

While conservation field work requires a level of fitness, community groups have roles for people who are disabled or live at distance. With the changing IT landscape, community groups have roles for volunteers to provide website, admin and fundraising support. Being involved as a volunteer in a community group, even remotely, has the potential to enhance connection, reduce isolation and build meaning in people's lives.

- Children and youth feel valued, and that they have diverse opportunities to thrive – support community led initiatives that enable Tamariki and whanau to develop confidence, skills and connections.

Ideally youth are introduced to the natural environment at an early age. Conservation field work generally requires a level of fitness. Many existing volunteers are elderly, so we need to encourage and educate our youth about the natural environment and encourage their participation. There is potential for joint working between schools and local community groups.

3. Natural environment - how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Natural Environment in this section?

Quite well – Our natural environment IS important to us. I genuinely believe that a higher percentage of Waihekians place a higher importance on their natural environment than Mainland Auckland residents.

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- “we must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding Gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is protected and restored. Community education and volunteer programmes have a crucial role to play. We will foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with volunteer groups committed to protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural environments such as wetlands, native bush, coastlines and marine environment.”
- “we will promote best practice for environmental management including stormwater, wastewater, wetlands, weed and animal pest control.”

We support the Local Board also identifying that it wants to:

- “grow and care for healthy, thriving forests across the island.”
- “preserve wetlands, bush and coastal habitats while maintaining public access and recreational opportunities”
- “manage invasive species and pests”
- “manage our large numbers of visitors and make sure they are aware of how to maintain and protect our unique environment”

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Support initiatives which protect, restore, and enhance the island's indigenous biodiversity

In order to support the island's indigenous biodiversity efficiently and effectively the artificial boundary between Auckland Council and DoC has to go. Pest plants and animals don't care about the human constructs of boundaries, ownership and responsibility. Unless and until the island is regarded holistically there will be inefficiencies and wasted resources, positive outcomes will be harder to achieve and volunteer frustrations will continue to undermine volunteer goodwill and efforts.

We note that the Waiheke Local Park Management Plan 2023, rather short-sightedly, does not encompass the DoC administered Reserves on Waiheke. The lack of a holistic plan for all public land on Waiheke leads to nonsensical outcomes, for example the buffer zone project has been implemented (on three properties only) in Te Matuku environs. The park being buffer zone protected (by the Council spending very significant resource on private land already subject to pest plant and animal control covenants in favour of DoC) was the rather low ecological value Te Matuku Bay Esplanade Reserve on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula, whereas the DoC administered, nationally and regionally significant Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve is not directly relevant to the allocation of buffer zone funding. We note that the Plan promotes "cooperative management" – if only!

In particular, talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust about

- 1. the most important wetlands on the island (in Te Matuku Bay);*
- 2. the Esplanade Reserve between the Marine Reserve and Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve;*
- 3. the Road Reserve adjacent to the DoC Reserves; and*

their "management" by Auckland Council contractors.

- Recognise our island Ngahere as a form of climate resilience, and support work to protect and grow our native canopy cover.

In a 9 July 2026 Article in the Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender Mr Brown, of Auckland Council, was reported as saying "Moth plant is a bad weed, one of the worst weeds around. But it is not the only one." True, there are many pest plants, but moth plant is absolutely the worst – ask anyone in the field undertaking actual pest plant control work! Climbing asparagus can be controlled over a relatively short period (as can ginger, tobacco, blackberry, gorse, etc). Moth plant seed banks require vigilance for a decade or more.

If you have seen rampant moth plant infestations you will be aware that they climb high for the light (even into the tops of mature podocarp trees) and then smother the trees with pods, which ripen and spread seed both below and on the wind.

Our native canopy cover will neither be protected nor grow if the moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

Only a relatively small percentage of landowners are not trying to control their moth plant. It is necessary to understand that moth plant control is a process and as long as landowners are making good progress (using appropriate methodology) they should be encouraged to continue, however, it is critical that those landowners not controlling, or adequately controlling, moth plant should be subjected to enforcement.

When a person buys land on Waiheke they are deemed to know the law (ignorance is no excuse). Equally prospective buyers have an opportunity to undertake due diligence before purchasing. As

such, land owners cannot escape their obligations - to do so breaches the social contract with all the other landowners and undermines all the efforts of complying landowners.

- Investigate how to ensure the disposal of noxious weeds is more accessible for our community

As at the time of writing we understand 14,000 pods have been collected, so far, in the Waiheke 2026 moth pod collection competition. That's 7 million seeds (more or less) removed from our environment! Local volunteers had to organise this competition. Pouteria Charitable Trust put up one third of the prize funding required to get this competition off the ground, as timely funding had not been forthcoming from Auckland Council. Pod collection competitions ought to be an annual and well publicised event for the foreseeable future. The rewards massively outweigh the limited risk / cost.

- Continue to support the work and public messaging of predator free groups, including Te Korowai O Waiheke and pest control programmes

Pest animal control has been "flavour of the decade". Pest plant control is the poor cousin. A healthy natural environment needs both pest plant and animal control. A phenomenal amount of money has been spent (and is still being spent) on projects like TKOW, yet Mr Brown balks at \$100k being spent on moth plant control enforcement. A funding balance needs to be achieved. Stop funding rat pilots, they are a waste of money! The technology does not exist, at present, for cost effective eradication of rats on Waiheke. When the technology exists relook at rat eradication. In the meantime, fund moth plant control enforcement and education.

The payment of workers to undertake tasks, that volunteers and land owners have previously undertaken, has second order consequences. Volunteer efforts oft times reduce as paid employees increase.

- Support freshwater ecosystem restoration projects, including streams and wetlands

The three most important wetlands on Waiheke are in Te Matuku Bay (per Auckland Council's own report). They span the boundaries of the Marine Reserve, Auckland Council's Esplanade Reserve and DoC's Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve. There is historically and currently NO holistic management. This is madness and an inefficient use of resources.

- Promote responsible pet ownership

Waiheke needs both more signage and enforcement. Like with moth plant and property owners, it is probably only 10% of dog owners who do not comply with local bylaws. There should be consequences for those owners. No longer should a minority be permitted to degrade environmental amenity for the majority.

With kiwi having been released in Te Matuku Environs it is critical that local signage clearly shows where dogs are prohibited or required to be on a lead (especially on the shell bank and when Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve Council Track is reopened). Signage empowers locals to bring community pressure to bear as well as to know when to call in enforcement on errant dog owners.

- Continue to support marine restoration and regeneration projects with key community organisations, schools and other agencies.

Pouteria Charitable Trust is one local volunteer led organisation working in Te Matuku Environs undertaking regeneration and periodic clean up events around Te Matuku Bay foreshore. Others volunteer groups include the Te Matuku Regeneration Group working on the Peninsula between Te Matuku and Awaawaroa inlets. Support can take many forms and need not be financial.

4. Built environment – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Built Environment in this section?

I don't know – presumably the totality of feedback will provide the Local Board with its answer.

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- “Our community facilities and open spaces are important to our community’s wellbeing and sense of belonging”
- “We will do our best to ensure our facilities, playgrounds, parks, reserves and track networks are well maintained and provide opportunities for recreation and connection.”

It is a great loss then that “the Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan is the Local Board’s guiding document for the management of our parks and reserves”, because that document ignores DoC administered reserves and as such is only a partial management plan for the parks and reserves located on the island.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- “Improve the open space network on the island – upgrade existing walking tracks including...to better protect bush / coastal environments, while improving safety and walkability.”

The public should have some benefit from land in public ownership. Auckland Council spent a significant amount of money on establishing the public walking track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve, only to close it within a very short time due to Kauri Die Back concerns. That track has been now been closed for coming up a decade and is in need of maintenance prior to reopening. The track needs clearing of wind fallen trees, clearing of new growth (in parts it is unclear the route of the track as the bush has taken over) and some repair work where small slips have undermined the track. Clear paths and signage through the grasslands area on Te Matuku peninsula are required to stop walkers trespassing on the Te Matuku Point Lane properties. In addition, a new northern exit route for the track needs to be sorted (the prior exit route being too close to Kauri).

Recent developments in the area have seen an easement granted, in the Council’s favour, through Koha Bay land. A path formed through that easement would enable walkers to walk from Orapiu Wharf to Te Matuku Bay foreshore on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula approximately 98% off road.

Were a new northern exit route to the track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve sorted then walkers could walk from Orapiu Wharf to Auckland Council’s Stockyard Reserve largely off road.

There are already public toilets at both Orapiu Wharf and the Stockyard Reserve.

There is potential, with DoC agreement, for the walkway to then extend off road from the Stockyards Reserve through Stewardship Reserve West and the Historic Pioneer Cemetery Reserve in to Waiheke Scenic Reserve and potentially on to Ngati Poa land and on towards Man O War or onto the Fenwick peninsula and over to Awaawaroa Bay via the recently reopened Fenwick Track.

A walk from Orapiu Wharf to Man of War Wharf with supporting ferry services through (now) largely pristine mature podocarp forest would be a significant addition to the Islands assets.

5. Economic development – how well do you think we captured Economic development needs and priorities in this section?

I don't know – presumably the totality of feedback will provide the Local Board with its answer.

Comments:

We support the Local Board recognising “Waiheke’s extraordinary natural landscape” and “high quality landscapes and access to outdoor activities” as well as having a “vision of Waiheke being a leader in destination sustainability”.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – actively promote Waiheke’s identity as a unique natural destination and a shelter in the Hauraki Gulf, including encouraging visitors to respect Waiheke’s natural environment.
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – support eco-tourism and eco-adventure opportunities on Waiheke that sustain and help regenerate our environment.

Relax or remove the moth plant control rules and both sustainability and Waiheke’s uniqueness as a natural destination will be undermined. Undermining our natural environment does the opposite of supporting eco-tourism.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – work with our networks to develop a trail or series of trails that combines walking, art, food and cultural experiences.

Te Matuku environs have a long history of both Maori and European settlers, as such it presents an excellent opportunity for walking cultural tours. One of the most significant pa sites on the island sits above Orapiu Road between Omaru and Te Matuku Bays. All the local bays have interesting European settler stories and the Historic Precinct is historic because it contains both the Waiheke Pioneer Cemetery and the site of the Island’s first school. Te Matuku adds a significant historical dimension to the Around Waiheke Walk.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – provide targeted funding to community groups that actively grow conservation volunteerism.

It is challenging for Eastern End volunteer groups to recruit new volunteers. There is a limited local population, many of whom who are elderly, many of whom are already undertaking conservation projects on their own land and / or already volunteering. Local volunteer groups all need support attracting new and ideally younger volunteers.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – develop and deliver an education approach to encourage visitors to respect the islands vulnerable natural and community environments.

Ensure signs for dog controls are adequate - both in terms of relevant information and locations.

- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island’s character and our need to increase resiliency – support and advocate for council-delivered projects on Waiheke that create employment.

Council delivered projects involving employment and / or contractors should be mindful of the Shirkey Principle. Conservation is a process. Timely, efficient employment of the right methodology results in a reduced need for inputs over time. This is relevant to both moth plant control (wider pest plant control also) and also enforcement. Council should see inputs reduce over time as outcomes are achieved. If this isn’t happening then timely, efficient employment of the right methodology is not

happening and contracts and contractors need review. Talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust, the Trust's data proves our assertions.

6. Transport – how well do you think we captured our Transport needs and priorities in this section?

I don't know – presumably the totality of feedback will provide the Local Board with its answer.

Comments:

We support the local board in understanding park and ride facilities are required, but that's only part of the solution.

Eastern End residents do not have a bus service. There are no sensible park and rides. In any event seasonally even getting the bus from Onetangi may not be possible. In summer we have gone to Onetangi to catch the bus to the Ferry only to not be able to get on a bus as the buses are full with tourists from their first stop at Onetangi Beach.

Recently parking at Matiatia was changed (without consultation) when the 48 hour carpark started being enforced as a 48 hour carpark. This was a change from custom and practise and Auckland Council / Auckland Transport should have been estopped from changing that custom and practise without either prior consultation or notice.

Now, after the change, we have observed that the 48 hour carpark is often less than half full. That vacancy should be turned into a revenue stream meeting the intermittent needs of Eastern End residents to leave the island for periods in excess of 48 hours.

In the CBD residents are able to obtain extra street parking permits on payment of a fee and on proof of address and limited by registration plate. For Eastern End residents a similar scheme should be established. We are happy to pay a fair daily rate for each period of parking in excess of 48 hours, but we need both certainty and flexibility.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Safe, fit for purpose and environmentally friendly transport infrastructure – advocate for legislative change that would enable Waiheke ferries to be included in the Public Transport Operating Model.

Around October 2023 Auckland Transport implemented changes to the Half Moon Bay ferry service to integrate that service into the wider Auckland public transport network. A period of significant disruption occurred after – reduced timetables, loss of multi trip concession tickets, short notice and frequent cancellations, increased costs and reduced timetable flexibility. Hopefully lessons have been learnt from that “integration” and so similar problems will be avoided if / when Waiheke's ferry service is integrated into the wider public transport network.

- Our community feels empowered to use active modes of transport where safely possible – continue to deliver prioritised pedestrian ... links ...

A largely off road walking track from Orapiu Wharf to (see response under heading “Built Environment” above) would offer a much safer and nicer alternative to walking along Orapiu Road, much of which has no berms.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft Local Board Plan?

Nice map on page 7 – at least it acknowledges the DoC administered Reserves in Te Matuku Environs.

Under the heading Advocacy on page 22 are aims around short term visitor accommodation, preventing further loss of residential housing stock and seeking changes to the National Environmental Standards for detached minor residential dwellings.

Incentivise something and you will get more of it. For a number of years (continuing) it has been easier to obtain consent to add multiple visitor accommodation units onto a property than to get consent for a full time caretaker or WOOFA accommodation unit / minor dwelling. This, in part, drove the proliferation of short term visitor accommodation at the expense of long term accommodation for local workers (which was decidedly unhelpful given one needs the latter to service the former). It also undermined landowner's ability to provide themselves with aging in place options like having separate accommodation for live close personal care workers. In light of "an aging community, without sufficient local services to enable community members to age in place" and the over proliferation of short term visitor accommodation the incentives need to be addressed and changed.

I have communicated with neighbours and encouraged them to make a submission but I have run up against resistance. The recent 7% rates rise and the threat to relax or remove the moth plant control rules are the straw that is breaking the camel's back.

People have spent decades of time / effort and a great deal of money on active conservation on their land and they feel that Auckland Council is now putting all that work and money at risk.

Auckland Council previously removed the rates rebate on land subject to conservation covenants – that not only undermined goodwill when it happened but it also required landowners to find "new" money to fund the conservation initiatives they had previously allocated their rates rebate to.

Auckland Council has previously spent many thousands of dollars, taxed on ratepayers, on private land (already subject pest plant and animal control covenants in favour of DoC) under the Buffer Zone Project. The land prioritised, by Auckland Council, was land where the owners were not meeting their pest plant control obligations (let alone the higher standard imposed by their DoC covenants). It would have been preferable to use the enforcement procedures against the errant landowners rather than "reward" them for their non-compliance by prioritising them for Buffer Zone funding. The consequence of Council's choices was to further undermine the goodwill of local landowners actually pursuing pest plant control on their land.

Recent developments (the rates rise and the threat to relax or remove the moth plant rule) sees some landowners no longer having the energy to engage with what they regard as bureaucrats who have very little comprehension of the history and status quo making more poor decisions and failing to understand second order consequences. The words "reap" and "sow" spring to mind.



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#35

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Please consider the roads in Rocky Bay , The huge buses are too wide for our roads and its dangerous to pass a bus driving around narrow roads

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Have a more direct route from Rocky Bay to the ferry terminal and do away with huge buses , smaller lighter electric buses would be better for safety and the damage to our roads

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The basic document aspires for the best. Do you have a timeline on each section/point, and how will you know you have achieved/completed each point? Do you have a current statement of what the current situation is in each area so you can compare it to the future> This would be helpful to track the changes.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The island needs a basic hospital, especially for the growing number of aged on the island. Now that Gulf News (with the Weekender) is free for all, that will help with communication across the island - the internet shouldn't be seen as the main connector because it may well fall over in coming years (once quantum computers go public) - and people choosing not to use it for a host of reasons. One detrimental issue for Onetangians is the loss of all postal boxes, requiring a trip to Ostend to post a letter - could local posties not do this the days they post residentially?

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

(Keep English documents in English. 'wai' I had to look up the meaning of that word on the internet. It said it means: water, liquid, juice; stream, creek, river; to be forgetful. I presume you mean water, but you need to state that.) Education and demonstration is required for your objectives. One objective I would add would be: Protect all people and our natural environment (fauna and flora) from all forms of pollution - noise, plastics, unclean air, water, soil. Protect the same from unleashed animals, especially dogs on public beaches and reserves, all year round. Reduce (towards elimination) the use of plastics in all businesses on the island. Reduce/eliminate helipads except for emergency public health needs (as noise pollution and flights endanger the environment.) Close all vaping shops.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The two Maori Objectives fit better into your Community section. The open space objective is not a 'built environment.' Add: Encourage/Education of alternative power sources for homes and selling back to the grid. Encourage/Facilitate home owners to have 2+ water tanks not just one. Track residential development - do too many have multiple (unused) residences; set a limit on the number of rentals one person can have. Ensure sealed roading infrastructure is in place ahead of development.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

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Increase pedestrian footpaths along The Strand, and add signs that encourage pedestrians to use footpaths where they are available. Impound deliberately noisy cars and motorbikes. Have well-kept roads and fix potholes overnight. Seal all residential roads (eg Pah Rd, Hobson Terrace, Garratt Rd.) Enforce the current 30kph speed limit signs, educating people that the number is the speed limit not the speed.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

I appreciated meeting the Waiheke Board at Onetangi on July 14th at the hall. Other issues: Ban drones on the island - privacy and noise issues - real estate companies shouldn't use them either (their photos cover far more than just the house.) Support the development of Waiheke historical archives (of recent and distant past) - I'm going to suggest to the Waiheke Historical Society that they broaden their scope to also archive the recent past. Build future bike and pedestrian pathways away from roads - eg put one through the valley from Totara Road to Onetangi Rd near the cemetery, following the stream westwards. Link this to a pathway over Stoney Ridge that runs from Brown Road to Erua Road, bypassing all the main roads; plan such pathways now for Eastern Waiheke.



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Local Board: Waiheke

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Tell us why

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Consultation closes 11.59pm Thursday 23 July 2026

BASIC INFORMATION

Your details

First Name

Last Name

Email or postal address

Local board / suburb

Are you providing

Personal Feedback YES / NO

or

Feedback as the Official Representative of an Organisation YES / NO if "yes" then...

Organisation Name

OPTIONAL QUESTIONS

Gender Male / Female / Other

Age Group Under 15 / 15-17 / 18-24 / 25-34 / 35-44 / 45-54 / 55-64 / 65-74 / 75+

What Ethnic Group

Pakeha / NZ European / Maori / Cook Islands Maori / Samoan / Tongan / Indian / Chinese / Filipino / Korean / Other (please specify):

What can the Local Board do to improve the way we engage with you when making decisions about the Island's future?

Site visits would improve understanding.

FEEDBACK

At the recent Local Board meet and greet, at Onetangi Hall, it was suggested that interested parties comment on all the key initiatives that are relevant to them. In order to do this we have decided to provide written feedback following the order in which the key initiatives are set out under their respective headings in the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026. Our comments are in italics.

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our Islands for the next three years?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

Pages 8 through 11 of the draft Plan set out the vision for overarching outcomes from the draft Plan. Equitable outcomes, fairness and sustainability all get a mention.

A 9 July 2026 Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender article (page 40) headed "Council wants to uproot anti moth plant rule" contained the statement: "(Phil) Brown (Council head of natural environment delivery) said due to cost, aside from the Biosecurity Focus Areas the council relies on public complaints. This raises an equity issue, on top of the fairness concern of imposing high costs on some landowners."

We are Waiheke. We are not Auckland Mainland. We are an Island. We have unique advantages. Arguing that the moth plant control rules on Waiheke are inequitable or unfair and we should remove them, to be fair and equitable with the Auckland Mainland, is lowest common denominator thinking and should be rejected.

When prospective purchasers purchase land on Waiheke they are deemed to be aware of the relevant laws, rules, etc (ignorance is no excuse) and, prior to purchase, they have the opportunity to undertake due diligence. By purchasing land, here on Waiheke, purchasers accept the rights and responsibilities of ownership.

The issue is similar if an individual purchases a dog. On becoming a dog owner one is subject to the rights and responsibilities of being a dog owner. Not everybody chooses to buy land on Waiheke, or even elsewhere, or become a dog owner. Should we require everyone or no-one to own land or a dog in the interests of fairness and equity?

Equally, in respect of landowners on Waiheke, is it "fair" for a small percentage of landowners, who are not controlling moth plant on their properties, to undermine the time, effort and resources other landowners have put and continue to put in to controlling moth plant on their properties and who are abiding by the social contract? Clearly not!

In respect of dog owners on Waiheke - is it "fair" for a small percentage of non-compliant dog owners to undermine the amenity of Waiheke for the rest of the population (who are abiding by the social contract), not to mention posing a threat to kiwi, dotterel, banded rail, weka? Clearly not!

Accountability is key. Accountability is only achievable with a back stop of enforcement.

People respond to incentives. Many landowners on Waiheke are voluntarily working to control moth plant on their properties. Other landowners have been "encouraged" into working to control moth plant on their properties, by their neighbours, because enforcement provisions backstop the moth plant control rule. Yet other landowners have been "encouraged" by letters from Auckland Council (footnote 1). Some landowners, however, are immune to education and persuasion and for those people it is critical Waiheke has competent, efficient enforcement procedures – because, when it comes to moth plant, a single errant landowner is potentially catastrophically destructive to the efforts of others.

Footnote 1 – Auckland Council Officers have advised they have historically preferred education over enforcement. This will have both skewed the enforcement statistics (as referred to by Mr Brown) such that the statistics should be ignored and resulted in errant landowners not controlling their moth plant which has exacerbated the scale of the problem we are now faced with.

Under headings "Climate outcomes" and "Equitable outcomes" (page 10) the draft Plan mentions "restoring the environment" and a thriving "natural environment". Clearly the environment will not

be restored and the natural environment will not thrive if the current moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

2. Community objectives – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Community in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

Thankfully, in this document, the Local Board recognises that Waiheke has a “unique character” as a result of its “coastal environment and geographic isolation” from Auckland and that “Waiheke’s volunteer groups are active and dedicated” and they “understand Waiheke’s unique character”.

Both the history of Waiheke and the kind of people who choose Waiheke as their home lead one to think that, as a proportion of landowners / residents, it is very likely that more Waihekeans (than Aucklanders) are involved, in some way, in conservation and are concerned about the quality of Waiheke’s natural environment.

Waiheke has no possums, wallabies or deer. Feral pigs and goats have been eradicated. There is an ongoing mustelid eradication programme. Historically Waiheke (and Rakino) have had stricter moth plant control rules than Auckland Mainland and many many landowners and volunteers have invested significant resources (both time and money) in moth plant control across both private and public land with positive results.

So, it would be a great shame, not to mention a waste of a lot of effort and money, to see the moth plant controls relaxed or removed as Waiheke’s natural environment will inevitably degrade as a result. When it comes to moth plant every weak link (a non-complying landowner) undermines the efforts of all the complying landowners.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- A resilient, connected and compassionate community – support local initiatives including volunteer groups, that enhance connection and diversity, reduce isolation and promote community development.

Locals invariably know their local environment better than non-locals and / or Council Officers. Taking advantage of local knowledge is key to effective strategic planning and successful outcomes.

While conservation field work requires a level of fitness, community groups have roles for people who are disabled or live at distance. With the changing IT landscape, community groups have roles for volunteers to provide website, admin and fundraising support. Being involved as a volunteer in a community group, even remotely, has the potential to enhance connection, reduce isolation and build meaning in people’s lives.

- Children and youth feel valued, and that they have diverse opportunities to thrive – support community led initiatives that enable Tamariki and whanau to develop confidence, skills and connections.

Ideally youth are introduced to the natural environment at an early age. Conservation field work generally requires a level of fitness. Many existing volunteers are elderly, so we need to encourage and educate our youth about the natural environment and encourage their participation. There is potential for joint working between schools and local community groups.

3. Natural environment - how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Natural Environment in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- “we must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding Gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is protected and restored. Community education and volunteer programmes have a crucial role to play. We will foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with volunteer groups committed to protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural environments such as wetlands, native bush, coastlines and marine environment.”
- “we will promote best practice for environmental management including stormwater, wastewater, wetlands, weed and animal pest control.”

We support the Local Board also identifying that it wants to:

- “grow and care for healthy, thriving forests across the island.”
- “preserve wetlands, bush and coastal habitats while maintaining public access and recreational opportunities”
- “manage invasive species and pests”
- “manage our large numbers of visitors and make sure they are aware of how to maintain and protect our unique environment”

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Support initiatives which protect, restore, and enhance the island's indigenous biodiversity

In order to support the island's indigenous biodiversity efficiently and effectively the artificial boundary between Auckland Council and DoC has to go. Pest plants and animals don't care about the human constructs of boundaries, ownership and responsibility. Unless and until the island is regarded holistically there will be inefficiencies and wasted resources, positive outcomes will be harder to achieve and volunteer frustrations will continue to undermine volunteer goodwill and efforts.

We note that the Waiheke Local Park Management Plan 2023, rather short-sightedly, does not encompass the DoC administered Reserves on Waiheke. The lack of a holistic plan for all public land on Waiheke leads to nonsensical outcomes, for example the buffer zone project has been implemented (on three properties only) in Te Matuku environs. The park being buffer zone protected (by the Council spending very significant resource on private land already subject to pest plant and animal control covenants in favour of DoC) was the rather low ecological value Te Matuku Bay Esplanade Reserve on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula, whereas the DoC administered, nationally and regionally significant Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve is not directly relevant to the allocation of buffer zone funding. We note that the Plan promotes “cooperative management” – if only!

In particular, talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust about

1. the most important wetlands on the island (in Te Matuku Bay);
2. the Esplanade Reserve between the Marine Reserve and Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve;
3. the Road Reserve adjacent to the DoC Reserves; and

their “management” by Auckland Council contractors.

- Recognise our island Ngahere as a form of climate resilience, and support work to protect and grow our native canopy cover.

In a 9 July 2026 Article in the Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender Mr Brown, of Auckland Council, was reported as saying “Moth plant is a bad weed, one of the worst weeds around. But it is not the only one.” True, there are many pest plants, but moth plant is absolutely the worst – ask anyone in the field undertaking actual pest plant control work! Climbing asparagus can be controlled over a relatively short period (as can ginger, tobacco, blackberry, gorse, etc). Moth plant seed banks require vigilance for a decade or more.

If you have seen rampant moth plant infestations you will be aware that they climb high for the light (even into the tops of mature podocarp trees) and then smother the trees with pods, which ripen and spread seed both below and on the wind.

Our native canopy cover will neither be protected nor grow if the moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

Only a relatively small percentage of landowners are not trying to control their moth plant. It is necessary to understand that moth plant control is a process and as long as landowners are making good progress (using appropriate methodology) they should be encouraged to continue, however, it is critical that those landowners not controlling, or adequately controlling, moth plant should be subjected to enforcement.

When a person buys land on Waiheke they are deemed to know the law (ignorance is no excuse). Equally prospective buyers have an opportunity to undertake due diligence before purchasing. As such, land owners cannot escape their obligations - to do so breaches the social contract with all the other landowners and undermines all the efforts of complying landowners.

- Investigate how to ensure the disposal of noxious weeds is more accessible for our community

As at the time of writing we understand 14,000 pods have been collected, so far, in the Waiheke 2026 moth pod collection competition. That’s 7 million seeds (more or less) removed from our environment! Local volunteers had to organise this competition. Pouteria Charitable Trust put up one third of the prize funding required to get this competition off the ground, as timely funding had not been forthcoming from Auckland Council. Pod collection competitions ought to be an annual and well publicised event for the foreseeable future. The rewards massively outweigh the limited risk / cost.

- Continue to support the work and public messaging of predator free groups, including Te Korowai O Waiheke and pest control programmes

Pest animal control has been “flavour of the decade”. Pest plant control is the poor cousin. A healthy natural environment needs both pest plant and animal control. A phenomenal amount of money has been spent (and is still being spent) on projects like TKOW, yet Mr Brown balks at \$100k being spent on moth plant control enforcement. A funding balance needs to be achieved. Stop funding rat pilots, they are a waste of money! The technology does not exist, at present, for cost effective eradication of rats on Waiheke. When the technology exists relook at rat eradication. In the meantime, fund moth plant control enforcement and education.

The payment of workers to undertake tasks, that volunteers and land owners have previously undertaken, has second order consequences. Volunteer efforts oft times reduce as paid employees increase.

- Support freshwater ecosystem restoration projects, including streams and wetlands

The three most important wetlands on Waiheke are in Te Matuku Bay (per Auckland Council's own report). They span the boundaries of the Marine Reserve, Auckland Council's Esplanade Reserve and DoC's Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve. There is historically and currently NO holistic management. This is madness and an inefficient use of resources.

- Promote responsible pet ownership

Waiheke needs both more signage and enforcement. Like with moth plant and property owners, it is probably only 10% of dog owners who do not comply with local bylaws. There should be consequences for those owners. No longer should a minority be permitted to degrade environmental amenity for the majority.

With kiwi having been released in Te Matuku Environs it is critical that local signage clearly shows where dogs are prohibited or required to be on a lead (especially on the shell bank and when Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve Council Track is reopened). Signage empowers locals to bring community pressure to bear as well as to know when to call in enforcement on errant dog owners.

- Continue to support marine restoration and regeneration projects with key community organisations, schools and other agencies.

Pouteria Charitable Trust is one local volunteer led organisation working in Te Matuku Environs undertaking regeneration and periodic clean up events around Te Matuku Bay foreshore. Others volunteer groups include the Te Matuku Regeneration Group working on the Peninsula between Te Matuku and Awaawaroa inlets. Support can take many forms and need not be financial.

4. Built environment – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Built Environment in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- "Our community facilities and open spaces are important to our community's wellbeing and sense of belonging"
- "We will do our best to ensure our facilities, playgrounds, parks, reserves and track networks are well maintained and provide opportunities for recreation and connection."

It is a great loss then that "the Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan is the Local Board's guiding document for the management of our parks and reserves", because that document ignores DoC administered reserves and as such is only a partial management plan for the parks and reserves located on the island.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- "Improve the open space network on the island – upgrade existing walking tracks including...to better protect bush / coastal environments, while improving safety and walkability."

The public should have some benefit from land in public ownership. Auckland Council spent a significant amount of money on establishing the public walking track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve, only to close it within a very short time due to Kauri Die Back concerns. That track has been

now been closed for coming up a decade and is in need of maintenance prior to reopening. The track needs clearing of wind fallen trees, clearing of new growth (in parts it is unclear the route of the track as the bush has taken over) and some repair work where small slips have undermined the track. Clear paths and signage through the grasslands area on Te Matuku peninsula are required to stop walkers trespassing on the Te Matuku Point Lane properties. In addition, a new northern exit route for the track needs to be sorted (the prior exit route being too close to Kauri).

Recent developments in the area have seen an easement granted, in the Council's favour, through Koha Bay land. A path formed through that easement would enable walkers to walk from Orapiu Wharf to Te Matuku Bay foreshore on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula approximately 98% off road.

Were a new northern exit route to the track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve sorted then walkers could walk from Orapiu Wharf to Auckland Council's Stockyard Reserve largely off road.

There are already public toilets at both Orapiu Wharf and the Stockyard Reserve.

There is potential, with DoC agreement, for the walkway to then extend off road from the Stockyards Reserve through Stewardship Reserve West and the Historic Pioneer Cemetery Reserve in to Waiheke Scenic Reserve and potentially on to Ngati Poa land and on towards Man O War or onto the Fenwick peninsula and over to Awaawaroa Bay via the recently reopened Fenwick Track.

A walk from Orapiu Wharf to Man of War Wharf with supporting ferry services through (now) largely pristine mature podocarp forest would be a significant addition to the Islands assets.

5. Economic development – how well do you think we captured Economic development needs and priorities in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the Local Board recognising "Waiheke's extraordinary natural landscape" and "high quality landscapes and access to outdoor activities" as well as having a "vision of Waiheke being a leader in destination sustainability".

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – actively promote Waiheke's identity as a unique natural destination and a shelter in the Hauraki Gulf, including encouraging visitors to respect Waiheke's natural environment.
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – support eco-tourism and eco-adventure opportunities on Waiheke that sustain and help regenerate our environment.

Relax or remove the moth plant control rules and both sustainability and Waiheke's uniqueness as a natural destination will be undermined. Undermining our natural environment does the opposite of supporting eco-tourism.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – work with our networks to develop a trail or series of trails that combines walking, art, food and cultural experiences.

Te Matuku environs have a long history of both Maori and European settlers, as such it presents an excellent opportunity for walking cultural tours. One of the most significant pa sites on the island sits above Orapiu Road between Omaru and Te Matuku Bays. All the local bays have interesting

European settlor stories and the Historic Precinct is historic because it contains both the Waiheke Pioneer Cemetery and the site of the Island's first school. Te Matuku adds a significant historical dimension to the Around Waiheke Walk.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – provide targeted funding to community groups that actively grow conservation volunteerism.

It is challenging for Eastern End volunteer groups to recruit new volunteers. There is a limited local population, many of whom who are elderly, many of whom are already undertaking conservation projects on their own land and / or already volunteering. Local volunteer groups all need support attracting new and ideally younger volunteers.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – develop and deliver an education approach to encourage visitors to respect the islands vulnerable natural and community environments.

Ensure signs for dog controls are adequate - both in terms of relevant information and locations.

- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island's character and our need to increase resiliency – support and advocate for council-delivered projects on Waiheke that create employment.

Council delivered projects involving employment and / or contractors should be mindful of the Shirkey Principle. Conservation is a process. Timely, efficient employment of the right methodology results in a reduced need for inputs over time. This is relevant to both moth plant control (wider pest plant control also) and also enforcement. Council should see inputs reduce over time as outcomes are achieved. If this isn't happening then timely, efficient employment of the right methodology is not happening and contracts and contractors need review. Talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust, the Trust's data proves our assertions.

6. Transport – how well do you think we captured our Transport needs and priorities in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the local board in understanding park and ride facilities are required, but that's only part of the solution.

Eastern End residents do not have a bus service. There are no sensible park and rides. In any event seasonally even getting the bus from Onetangi may not be possible. In summer we have gone to Onetangi to catch the bus to the Ferry only to not be able to get on a bus as the buses are full with tourists from their first stop at Onetangi Beach.

Recently parking at Matiatia was changed (without consultation) when the 48 hour carpark started being enforced as a 48 hour carpark. This was a change from custom and practise and Auckland Council / Auckland Transport should have been estopped from changing that custom and practise without either prior consultation or notice.

Now, after the change, we have observed that the 48 hour carpark is often less than half full. That vacancy should be turned into a revenue stream meeting the intermittent needs of Eastern End residents to leave the island for periods in excess of 48 hours.

In the CBD residents are able to obtain extra street parking permits on payment of a fee and on proof of address and limited by registration plate. For Eastern End residents a similar scheme should be established. We are happy to pay a fair daily rate for each period of parking in excess of 48 hours, but we need both certainty and flexibility.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Safe, fit for purpose and environmentally friendly transport infrastructure – advocate for legislative change that would enable Waiheke ferries to be included in the Public Transport Operating Model.

Around October 2023 Auckland Transport implemented changes to the Half Moon Bay ferry service to integrate that service into the wider Auckland public transport network. A period of significant disruption occurred after – reduced timetables, loss of multi trip concession tickets, short notice and frequent cancellations, increased costs and reduced timetable flexibility. Hopefully lessons have been learnt from that “integration” and so similar problems will be avoided if / when Waiheke’s ferry service is integrated into the wider public transport network.

- Our community feels empowered to use active modes of transport where safely possible – continue to deliver prioritised pedestrian ... links ...

A largely off road walking track from Orapiu Wharf to (see response under heading “Built Environment” above) would offer a much safer and nicer alternative to walking along Orapiu Road, much of which has no berms.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft Local Board Plan?

Nice map on page 7 – at least it acknowledges the DoC administered Reserves in Te Matuku Environs.

Under the heading Advocacy on page 22 are aims around short term visitor accommodation, preventing further loss of residential housing stock and seeking changes to the National Environmental Standards for detached minor residential dwellings.

Incentivise something and you will get more of it. For a number of years (continuing) it has been easier to obtain consent to add multiple visitor accommodation units onto a property than to get consent for a full time caretaker or WOOFA accommodation unit / minor dwelling. This, in part, drove the proliferation of short term visitor accommodation at the expense of long term accommodation for local workers (which was decidedly unhelpful given one needs the latter to service the former). It also undermined landowner’s ability to provide themselves with aging in place options like having separate accommodation for live close personal care workers. In light of “an aging community, without sufficient local services to enable community members to age in place” and the over proliferation of short term visitor accommodation the incentives need to be addressed and changed.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?
Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

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SUBMISSION

We want to register our strong opposition to any relaxation or removal of compulsory moth plant control on Waiheke Island.

- The argument that Waiheke's rules are unfair compared with the mainland doesn't hold up. We're a different environment: no possums, wallabies or deer, feral pigs and goats already eradicated, and an active mustelid eradication programme underway. Levelling our biosecurity down to mainland standards isn't equity, it's going backwards on a lowest common denominator argument.
- Moth plant isn't just "one of many" weeds, as Council's own spokesperson was quoted in the 9 July Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender. Left unchecked, it climbs into the canopy of mature podocarps, smothers them, and all around it. It is undoubtedly weed enemy number one. And unlike others which can be brought under control in a season or two, moth plant seed banks need a decade or more of vigilance.
- Most landowners are already controlling moth plant, some voluntarily, some after a nudge from neighbours or a letter from Council. A small minority aren't, and without enforcement as a backstop, their inaction undoes everyone else. Moth plant seed banks persist and spread viciously, so inaction by the few very much undoes the work of the many. Enforcement is what makes the system work. It's not needed for most landowners, but it's essential for the few who won't respond to persuasion.
- Local volunteers collected roughly 14,000 moth plant pods in a voluntary competition this year, around 7 million seeds kept out of the environment. Taking away enforcement backing undermines and weakens the rationale for this fantastic activity.
- That also highlights that removing enforcement is a false economy. The whole reason the current system is cheap is that it's distributed — lots of landowners doing small, low-cost maintenance because the backstop keeps everyone honest. Let even a handful of properties go untreated for a couple of years and you're back to decade-long seed banks that only Council-funded intervention can fix. It costs a lot less to keep the rule than to fix the problem after it's re-established.
- The draft Plan's own goals, restoring the environment and a thriving natural environment (page 10), are directly undercut by weakening this rule. And it's already Council's own legal position, just inconsistently applied. Moth plant is a National Pest Plant Accord species nationwide, and under the current Regional Pest Management Plan, Waiheke and Rākino already carry a compulsory destruction rule that the rest of Auckland doesn't (mainland landowners are only "encouraged" to control it). So the stricter Waiheke rule isn't some local add-on — it's a deliberate distinction Council has already made in its own RPMP. Relaxing it in the Local Board Plan creates a straight contradiction between two Council documents governing the same weed on the same land.

Please retain compulsory moth plant control and its enforcement provisions, and back an annual pod collection competition with timely funding rather than leaving it to volunteers and local trusts to make it happen.



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Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Lack of ongoing resilience planning. All types of resilience building from energy, food, housing, employment, social etc takes time and needs short, medium and long-term thinking.

Climate adaptation planning is also only partly considered. The WLB must address the obstacles to achieving a just and fair society for all Waiheke residents.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The demographics of the island do not support the objectives stated. The island has an aging population with young families, children and youth numbers in decline. Without addressing social and income inequality none of these sector's needs will be met by the objectives.

There must be a commitment to ensuring that citizens are not reduced to bystanders in the political process. The rush to amalgamation of agencies and functions must be stopped as the drivers behind such pushes are to disfranchise citizens and instead place power in the hands of the few. Autocracy is not democracy at work.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Added emphasis on the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and the Waiheke Local Board role in advancing the HGMP as a whole. needs to be stated clearly.

Strengthen actions to prevent and/or eradicate predators and pests such as Moth plant, Exotic Caulpera. A stop start approach will not work. Long-term thinking is required.

Why are freshwater issues not highlighted. For example, the contamination of the Little Oneroa Stream. This issue should be within the Local Board's power to fix.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Healthy Building standards such as the Green Building Councils recommendations must become compulsory for all new builds and renovations.

Rooftop solar must become mandatory for all new domestic, commercial and public buildings.

Electrification of all Waiheke buildings must be the goal with an aim to make every building as energy efficient as possible,

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

New employment opportunities for the island must be considered that are not tourist/visitor focused.

What talents, skills and experience of locals are available and could be used to produce a sustainable future. I would suggest a citizen assembly be established to look at this issue.

The tourism sector must be required to produce destination and operational plans with real milestones and KPIs to demonstrate how the sector will decarbonise its activities over the next three to ten years.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Waiheke needs to become part of AT's transport network rather than an outlier due to past government's policy decisions based not on demand or need but political expediency.

If the island is to reduce its carbon footprint its dependence on fossil fuelled transport must be rapidly reduced.

The maintenance of our roading network is not up to an acceptable standard with an emphasis on patching rather than fixing problems.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

For residents and businesses of the Waiheke Local Board Area to meet the Boards's climate change goals electrification of the transport sector is the only way to achieve the targets within the timeframe set. No other approach will suffice.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

Need more focus on community and environment issues

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A bit well. Needs to include all members (including disabled and aged)

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A bit well

We are having more and more pressure on our environment from Auckland

New developments for building large houses (that will stay empty most of the time) are started and land is for sale without consultations with community. A lot of protected and endangered areas were being built, sold or for sale. More light pollution is introduced and it looks like the pressure is increasing rapidly. Need to regulate lighting codes and emphasis on responsible lighting to reduce light pollution

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Lots of land is sold for vacation-makers and this put pressure not only on the environment but also on the housing situation. A lot of houses are empty most of the year, but a lot of locals can't find where to live. More and more short-term rentals appear and new built housing is not available for locals especially young and Maori

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A bit well

Strong dependance on visitors. Dependance on delivered goods. Need more focus on sustainable and eco friendly local food productions. (eg gardens and local eggs/milk etc)

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A bit well

Needs more support and action for development of safe cycling on the island. Currently we have very little safe cycle ways and not enough places where people can leave bike. Important to reduce car speed many streets will be safer with speed bumps

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

We need the Rakino Island Community Hall damaged in the 2022 cyclone replaced urgently as it is the only community gathering place on the island.

We also need Sandy Bay lawns mowed and beach stairs repaired/replaced as this is the bay closest to the ferry and wharf and is the first impression for many visitors.

Woody Bay needs a toilet close to the beach for the visitors who arrive via boat or yacht and anchor in this bay for a few nights. Woody Bay also needs the beach stairs repaired/replaced and a storage set up for the multiple kayaks around the bay.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Replacement of the Rakino Island Community Hall is essential to us building a resilient, connected compassionate community.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Woody Bay needs a toilet close to the beach to protect our natural bush and environment surrounding the beach from boat and yacht visitors toileting.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Woody Bay needs a toilet close to the beach to protect our natural bush and environment surrounding the beach from boat and yacht visitors toileting..

Woody Bay also needs beach stairs repaired/replaced and Kayak storage shelves built to enhance the appearance of the beach surround and welcome visitors.

Sadny bay needs beach stairs repaired/replaced plus the beach surrounds need to be regularly mowed ie added to the current mowing contract for the island.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Belaire Ferries and Sealink barge to provide good services to Rakino Island.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Funds have been allocated to replace the Rakino community Hall. Since the Halls closure, there has been a substantial decline in community events and participation. Without a central meeting place it is difficult to keep islanders updated and many community initiatives have fallen by the wayside due to a inability to effectively promote them. Central to this is waste management on the island. Waste minimization requires island wide buyin but promoting such initiatives is problematic without some form of central meeting area. likewise Ratepayers association meetings are of neccesity held outside, often in inclement weather. Comunity cultural events have ceased as there is no where to hold them. All these items have led to a degradation of the traditional Rakino feel.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

As long as replacement of the Rakino hall progresses this area is covered. without that, there is no further mention of Rakino in the plan.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There is nothing in the plan about Rakino. Various individuals have contributed much of their time but there should be an overriding plan from the local board to support them.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There is nothing in the plan to support these initiatives on Rakino

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino has a small permanent population but a large weekend population during the year. The transitory nature of this is often mistaken as only a small number of people affected. Visitor numbers as recorded by Auckland transport show the large number of people involved. Rakino is also a destination for ratepayers who have their own boats. Their numbers are not recorded either. During the summer months there are often over 100 boats moored in Woody Bay. These visitors swell the numbers of people who have properties on the island. All these visitors use the roads to walk on and the inadequate toilet facilities.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The ferry terminal has the hall as a shelter area. This is no longer able to be used. There is insufficient shelter for the fifty odd people meeting or getting off the ferry.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Rakino seems to have been forgotten in any plans. Its self sufficient nature means that the 'make do' attitude of the locals as perceived as an acceptance of the status quo.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Rakino Hall has been out of action for 5 years is no longer fit for purpose and continues to be damaged by the falling debris from the cliff and the continued ocean storm damaging weather

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino island would like to understand the Easter coming of the island and % recycling. Food scraps have just been introduced which is great

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino hall has been closed for 5 years so no community facilities also building is currently in poor location due to storm damage

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino Island has a good ferry service but arriving to the wharf where the condemned building sits a suffers ongoing storm damage

Building needs to be replaced 50m up road close to wharf but out of storm damage area.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino ferry provides good service however wharf is weather dependent at times

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Rakino Island hall needs to be replaced , location 50m up road away from storm damage area

Bus type shelter but down where ferry arrives

We just need one large multi use space



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

As a Rakino Island Rate Payer I appreciate that you will replace the community hall damaged in the cyclone, as this is our only community gathering place and is essential to the needs of the residents. However, Sandy Bay which is extensively used by ferry visitors and locals alike needs its lawns mowed and stairs to the beach replaced. And Woody Bay which is extensively used for anchoring visitors on private boats and yachts needs a toilet close to the beach to stop the "bush peeing and poohing" along the shoreline. Woody Bay beach steps also need repair/replacement and would also benefit from timber shelves being installed for the storage of all the kayaks of the grass, so the grass mowing is more effective and the bay can be kept tidy and welcoming.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- * Rakino Island Community Hall replacement
 - * Sandy Bay beach steps and lawn mowing
 - * Woody Bay beach toilet
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- * Woody Bay beach steps and storage shelves for kayaks

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The Woody Bay beach Toilet is really necessary to keep our environment clean of human waste.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

* The Rakino Island Community Hall rebuild needs to be a 100% commitment urgently actioned as we have been waiting for action since the cyclone 2022.

* Sandy Bay beach stairs

* Woody Bay beach stairs

* Woody Bay shelves for kayak storage

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

* The Rakino Island Community Hall rebuild needs to be a 100% commitment urgently actioned as we have been waiting for action since the cyclone 2022.

* Ferry visitors to Sandy Bay need stairs repaired and lawns mowed

* Boats & Yachts anchoring in Woody Bay need easy access to a toilet and stairs.

* Woody Bay Kayak storage shelves (even just supply of timber for the Rakino Ratepayers to arrange the building) would make the bay more welcoming to visitors

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Belaire Ferry service and the Sealink barge both do a good job for Rakino

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**

No



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?

Tell us why

Please see attached supporting document.

2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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BASIC INFORMATION

Your details

First Name

Last Name

Email or postal address

Local board / suburb

Are you providing

Personal Feedback YES / NO

or

Feedback as the Official Representative of an Organisation YES / NO if "yes" then...

Organisation Name

OPTIONAL QUESTIONS

Gender Male / Female / Other

Age Group Under 15 / 15-17 / 18-24 / 25-34 / 35-44 / 45-54 / 55-64 / 65-74 / 75+

What Ethnic Group

Pakeha / NZ European / Maori / Cook Islands Maori / Samoan / Tongan / Indian / Chinese / Filipino / Korean / Other (please specify):

What can the Local Board do to improve the way we engage with you when making decisions about the Island's future?

Site visits would improve understanding.

FEEDBACK

At the recent Local Board meet and greet, at Onetangi Hall, it was suggested that interested parties comment on all the key initiatives that are relevant to them. In order to do this we have decided to provide written feedback following the order in which the key initiatives are set out under their respective headings in the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026. Our comments are in italics.

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our Islands for the next three years?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

Pages 8 through 11 of the draft Plan set out the vision for overarching outcomes from the draft Plan. Equitable outcomes, fairness and sustainability all get a mention.

A 9 July 2026 Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender article (page 40) headed "Council wants to uproot anti moth plant rule" contained the statement: "(Phil) Brown (Council head of natural environment delivery) said due to cost, aside from the Biosecurity Focus Areas the council relies on public complaints. This raises an equity issue, on top of the fairness concern of imposing high costs on some landowners."

We are Waiheke. We are not Auckland Mainland. We are an Island. We have unique advantages. Arguing that the moth plant control rules on Waiheke are inequitable or unfair and we should remove them, to be fair and equitable with the Auckland Mainland, is lowest common denominator thinking and should be rejected.

When prospective purchasers purchase land on Waiheke they are deemed to be aware of the relevant laws, rules, etc (ignorance is no excuse) and, prior to purchase, they have the opportunity to undertake due diligence. By purchasing land, here on Waiheke, purchasers accept the rights and responsibilities of ownership.

The issue is similar if an individual purchases a dog. On becoming a dog owner one is subject to the rights and responsibilities of being a dog owner. Not everybody chooses to buy land on Waiheke, or even elsewhere, or become a dog owner. Should we require everyone or no-one to own land or a dog in the interests of fairness and equity?

Equally, in respect of landowners on Waiheke, is it "fair" for a small percentage of landowners, who are not controlling moth plant on their properties, to undermine the time, effort and resources other landowners have put and continue to put in to controlling moth plant on their properties and who are abiding by the social contract? Clearly not!

In respect of dog owners on Waiheke - is it "fair" for a small percentage of non-compliant dog owners to undermine the amenity of Waiheke for the rest of the population (who are abiding by the social contract), not to mention posing a threat to kiwi, dotterel, banded rail, weka? Clearly not!

Accountability is key. Accountability is only achievable with a back stop of enforcement.

People respond to incentives. Many landowners on Waiheke are voluntarily working to control moth plant on their properties. Other landowners have been "encouraged" into working to control moth plant on their properties, by their neighbours, because enforcement provisions backstop the moth plant control rule. Yet other landowners have been "encouraged" by letters from Auckland Council (footnote 1). Some landowners, however, are immune to education and persuasion and for those people it is critical Waiheke has competent, efficient enforcement procedures – because, when it comes to moth plant, a single errant landowner is potentially catastrophically destructive to the efforts of others.

Footnote 1 – Auckland Council Officers have advised they have historically preferred education over enforcement. This will have both skewed the enforcement statistics (as referred to by Mr Brown) such that the statistics should be ignored and resulted in errant landowners not controlling their moth plant which has exacerbated the scale of the problem we are now faced with.

Under headings "Climate outcomes" and "Equitable outcomes" (page 10) the draft Plan mentions "restoring the environment" and a thriving "natural environment". Clearly the environment will not

be restored and the natural environment will not thrive if the current moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

2. Community objectives – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Community in this section?

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Comments:

Thankfully, in this document, the Local Board recognises that Waiheke has a “unique character” as a result of its “coastal environment and geographic isolation” from Auckland and that “Waiheke’s volunteer groups are active and dedicated” and they “understand Waiheke’s unique character”.

Both the history of Waiheke and the kind of people who choose Waiheke as their home lead one to think that, as a proportion of landowners / residents, it is very likely that more Waihekeans (than Aucklanders) are involved, in some way, in conservation and are concerned about the quality of Waiheke’s natural environment.

Waiheke has no possums, wallabies or deer. Feral pigs and goats have been eradicated. There is an ongoing mustelid eradication programme. Historically Waiheke (and Rakino) have had stricter moth plant control rules than Auckland Mainland and many many landowners and volunteers have invested significant resources (both time and money) in moth plant control across both private and public land with positive results.

So, it would be a great shame, not to mention a waste of a lot of effort and money, to see the moth plant controls relaxed or removed as Waiheke’s natural environment will inevitably degrade as a result. When it comes to moth plant every weak link (a non-complying landowner) undermines the efforts of all the complying landowners.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- A resilient, connected and compassionate community – support local initiatives including volunteer groups, that enhance connection and diversity, reduce isolation and promote community development.

Locals invariably know their local environment better than non-locals and / or Council Officers. Taking advantage of local knowledge is key to effective strategic planning and successful outcomes.

While conservation field work requires a level of fitness, community groups have roles for people who are disabled or live at distance. With the changing IT landscape, community groups have roles for volunteers to provide website, admin and fundraising support. Being involved as a volunteer in a community group, even remotely, has the potential to enhance connection, reduce isolation and build meaning in people’s lives.

- Children and youth feel valued, and that they have diverse opportunities to thrive – support community led initiatives that enable Tamariki and whanau to develop confidence, skills and connections.

Ideally youth are introduced to the natural environment at an early age. Conservation field work generally requires a level of fitness. Many existing volunteers are elderly, so we need to encourage and educate our youth about the natural environment and encourage their participation. There is potential for joint working between schools and local community groups.

3. Natural environment - how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Natural Environment in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- “we must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding Gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is protected and restored. Community education and volunteer programmes have a crucial role to play. We will foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with volunteer groups committed to protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural environments such as wetlands, native bush, coastlines and marine environment.”
- “we will promote best practice for environmental management including stormwater, wastewater, wetlands, weed and animal pest control.”

We support the Local Board also identifying that it wants to:

- “grow and care for healthy, thriving forests across the island.”
- “preserve wetlands, bush and coastal habitats while maintaining public access and recreational opportunities”
- “manage invasive species and pests”
- “manage our large numbers of visitors and make sure they are aware of how to maintain and protect our unique environment”

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Support initiatives which protect, restore, and enhance the island's indigenous biodiversity

In order to support the island's indigenous biodiversity efficiently and effectively the artificial boundary between Auckland Council and DoC has to go. Pest plants and animals don't care about the human constructs of boundaries, ownership and responsibility. Unless and until the island is regarded holistically there will be inefficiencies and wasted resources, positive outcomes will be harder to achieve and volunteer frustrations will continue to undermine volunteer goodwill and efforts.

We note that the Waiheke Local Park Management Plan 2023, rather short-sightedly, does not encompass the DoC administered Reserves on Waiheke. The lack of a holistic plan for all public land on Waiheke leads to nonsensical outcomes, for example the buffer zone project has been implemented (on three properties only) in Te Matuku environs. The park being buffer zone protected (by the Council spending very significant resource on private land already subject to pest plant and animal control covenants in favour of DoC) was the rather low ecological value Te Matuku Bay Esplanade Reserve on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula, whereas the DoC administered, nationally and regionally significant Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve is not directly relevant to the allocation of buffer zone funding. We note that the Plan promotes “cooperative management” – if only!

In particular, talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust about

1. the most important wetlands on the island (in Te Matuku Bay);
2. the Esplanade Reserve between the Marine Reserve and Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve;
3. the Road Reserve adjacent to the DoC Reserves; and

their “management” by Auckland Council contractors.

- Recognise our island Ngahere as a form of climate resilience, and support work to protect and grow our native canopy cover.

In a 9 July 2026 Article in the Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender Mr Brown, of Auckland Council, was reported as saying “Moth plant is a bad weed, one of the worst weeds around. But it is not the only one.” True, there are many pest plants, but moth plant is absolutely the worst – ask anyone in the field undertaking actual pest plant control work! Climbing asparagus can be controlled over a relatively short period (as can ginger, tobacco, blackberry, gorse, etc). Moth plant seed banks require vigilance for a decade or more.

If you have seen rampant moth plant infestations you will be aware that they climb high for the light (even into the tops of mature podocarp trees) and then smother the trees with pods, which ripen and spread seed both below and on the wind.

Our native canopy cover will neither be protected nor grow if the moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

Only a relatively small percentage of landowners are not trying to control their moth plant. It is necessary to understand that moth plant control is a process and as long as landowners are making good progress (using appropriate methodology) they should be encouraged to continue, however, it is critical that those landowners not controlling, or adequately controlling, moth plant should be subjected to enforcement.

When a person buys land on Waiheke they are deemed to know the law (ignorance is no excuse). Equally prospective buyers have an opportunity to undertake due diligence before purchasing. As such, land owners cannot escape their obligations - to do so breaches the social contract with all the other landowners and undermines all the efforts of complying landowners.

- Investigate how to ensure the disposal of noxious weeds is more accessible for our community

As at the time of writing we understand 14,000 pods have been collected, so far, in the Waiheke 2026 moth pod collection competition. That’s 7 million seeds (more or less) removed from our environment! Local volunteers had to organise this competition. Pouteria Charitable Trust put up one third of the prize funding required to get this competition off the ground, as timely funding had not been forthcoming from Auckland Council. Pod collection competitions ought to be an annual and well publicised event for the foreseeable future. The rewards massively outweigh the limited risk / cost.

- Continue to support the work and public messaging of predator free groups, including Te Korowai O Waiheke and pest control programmes

Pest animal control has been “flavour of the decade”. Pest plant control is the poor cousin. A healthy natural environment needs both pest plant and animal control. A phenomenal amount of money has been spent (and is still being spent) on projects like TKOW, yet Mr Brown balks at \$100k being spent on moth plant control enforcement. A funding balance needs to be achieved. Stop funding rat pilots, they are a waste of money! The technology does not exist, at present, for cost effective eradication of rats on Waiheke. When the technology exists relook at rat eradication. In the meantime, fund moth plant control enforcement and education.

The payment of workers to undertake tasks, that volunteers and land owners have previously undertaken, has second order consequences. Volunteer efforts oft times reduce as paid employees increase.

- Support freshwater ecosystem restoration projects, including streams and wetlands

The three most important wetlands on Waiheke are in Te Matuku Bay (per Auckland Council's own report). They span the boundaries of the Marine Reserve, Auckland Council's Esplanade Reserve and DoC's Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve. There is historically and currently NO holistic management. This is madness and an inefficient use of resources.

- Promote responsible pet ownership

Waiheke needs both more signage and enforcement. Like with moth plant and property owners, it is probably only 10% of dog owners who do not comply with local bylaws. There should be consequences for those owners. No longer should a minority be permitted to degrade environmental amenity for the majority.

With kiwi having been released in Te Matuku Environs it is critical that local signage clearly shows where dogs are prohibited or required to be on a lead (especially on the shell bank and when Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve Council Track is reopened). Signage empowers locals to bring community pressure to bear as well as to know when to call in enforcement on errant dog owners.

- Continue to support marine restoration and regeneration projects with key community organisations, schools and other agencies.

Pouteria Charitable Trust is one local volunteer led organisation working in Te Matuku Environs undertaking regeneration and periodic clean up events around Te Matuku Bay foreshore. Others volunteer groups include the Te Matuku Regeneration Group working on the Peninsula between Te Matuku and Awaawaroa inlets. Support can take many forms and need not be financial.

4. Built environment – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Built Environment in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- "Our community facilities and open spaces are important to our community's wellbeing and sense of belonging"
- "We will do our best to ensure our facilities, playgrounds, parks, reserves and track networks are well maintained and provide opportunities for recreation and connection."

It is a great loss then that "the Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan is the Local Board's guiding document for the management of our parks and reserves", because that document ignores DoC administered reserves and as such is only a partial management plan for the parks and reserves located on the island.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- "Improve the open space network on the island – upgrade existing walking tracks including...to better protect bush / coastal environments, while improving safety and walkability."

The public should have some benefit from land in public ownership. Auckland Council spent a significant amount of money on establishing the public walking track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve, only to close it within a very short time due to Kauri Die Back concerns. That track has been

now been closed for coming up a decade and is in need of maintenance prior to reopening. The track needs clearing of wind fallen trees, clearing of new growth (in parts it is unclear the route of the track as the bush has taken over) and some repair work where small slips have undermined the track. Clear paths and signage through the grasslands area on Te Matuku peninsula are required to stop walkers trespassing on the Te Matuku Point Lane properties. In addition, a new northern exit route for the track needs to be sorted (the prior exit route being too close to Kauri).

Recent developments in the area have seen an easement granted, in the Council's favour, through Koha Bay land. A path formed through that easement would enable walkers to walk from Orapiu Wharf to Te Matuku Bay foreshore on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula approximately 98% off road.

Were a new northern exit route to the track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve sorted then walkers could walk from Orapiu Wharf to Auckland Council's Stockyard Reserve largely off road.

There are already public toilets at both Orapiu Wharf and the Stockyard Reserve.

There is potential, with DoC agreement, for the walkway to then extend off road from the Stockyards Reserve through Stewardship Reserve West and the Historic Pioneer Cemetery Reserve in to Waiheke Scenic Reserve and potentially on to Ngati Poa land and on towards Man O War or onto the Fenwick peninsula and over to Awaawaroa Bay via the recently reopened Fenwick Track.

A walk from Orapiu Wharf to Man of War Wharf with supporting ferry services through (now) largely pristine mature podocarp forest would be a significant addition to the Islands assets.

5. Economic development – how well do you think we captured Economic development needs and priorities in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the Local Board recognising "Waiheke's extraordinary natural landscape" and "high quality landscapes and access to outdoor activities" as well as having a "vision of Waiheke being a leader in destination sustainability".

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – actively promote Waiheke's identity as a unique natural destination and a shelter in the Hauraki Gulf, including encouraging visitors to respect Waiheke's natural environment.
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – support eco-tourism and eco-adventure opportunities on Waiheke that sustain and help regenerate our environment.

Relax or remove the moth plant control rules and both sustainability and Waiheke's uniqueness as a natural destination will be undermined. Undermining our natural environment does the opposite of supporting eco-tourism.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – work with our networks to develop a trail or series of trails that combines walking, art, food and cultural experiences.

Te Matuku environs have a long history of both Maori and European settlers, as such it presents an excellent opportunity for walking cultural tours. One of the most significant pa sites on the island sits above Orapiu Road between Omaru and Te Matuku Bays. All the local bays have interesting

European settlor stories and the Historic Precinct is historic because it contains both the Waiheke Pioneer Cemetery and the site of the Island's first school. Te Matuku adds a significant historical dimension to the Around Waiheke Walk.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – provide targeted funding to community groups that actively grow conservation volunteerism.

It is challenging for Eastern End volunteer groups to recruit new volunteers. There is a limited local population, many of whom who are elderly, many of whom are already undertaking conservation projects on their own land and / or already volunteering. Local volunteer groups all need support attracting new and ideally younger volunteers.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – develop and deliver an education approach to encourage visitors to respect the islands vulnerable natural and community environments.

Ensure signs for dog controls are adequate - both in terms of relevant information and locations.

- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island's character and our need to increase resiliency – support and advocate for council-delivered projects on Waiheke that create employment.

Council delivered projects involving employment and / or contractors should be mindful of the Shirkey Principle. Conservation is a process. Timely, efficient employment of the right methodology results in a reduced need for inputs over time. This is relevant to both moth plant control (wider pest plant control also) and also enforcement. Council should see inputs reduce over time as outcomes are achieved. If this isn't happening then timely, efficient employment of the right methodology is not happening and contracts and contractors need review. Talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust, the Trust's data proves our assertions.

6. Transport – how well do you think we captured our Transport needs and priorities in this section?

Very well / quite well / not very well / not well at all / I don't know

Comments:

We support the local board in understanding park and ride facilities are required, but that's only part of the solution.

Eastern End residents do not have a bus service. There are no sensible park and rides. In any event seasonally even getting the bus from Onetangi may not be possible. In summer we have gone to Onetangi to catch the bus to the Ferry only to not be able to get on a bus as the buses are full with tourists from their first stop at Onetangi Beach.

Recently parking at Matiatia was changed (without consultation) when the 48 hour carpark started being enforced as a 48 hour carpark. This was a change from custom and practise and Auckland Council / Auckland Transport should have been estopped from changing that custom and practise without either prior consultation or notice.

Now, after the change, we have observed that the 48 hour carpark is often less than half full. That vacancy should be turned into a revenue stream meeting the intermittent needs of Eastern End residents to leave the island for periods in excess of 48 hours.

In the CBD residents are able to obtain extra street parking permits on payment of a fee and on proof of address and limited by registration plate. For Eastern End residents a similar scheme should be established. We are happy to pay a fair daily rate for each period of parking in excess of 48 hours, but we need both certainty and flexibility.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Safe, fit for purpose and environmentally friendly transport infrastructure – advocate for legislative change that would enable Waiheke ferries to be included in the Public Transport Operating Model.

Around October 2023 Auckland Transport implemented changes to the Half Moon Bay ferry service to integrate that service into the wider Auckland public transport network. A period of significant disruption occurred after – reduced timetables, loss of multi trip concession tickets, short notice and frequent cancellations, increased costs and reduced timetable flexibility. Hopefully lessons have been learnt from that “integration” and so similar problems will be avoided if / when Waiheke’s ferry service is integrated into the wider public transport network.

- Our community feels empowered to use active modes of transport where safely possible – continue to deliver prioritised pedestrian ... links ...

A largely off road walking track from Orapiu Wharf to (see response under heading “Built Environment” above) would offer a much safer and nicer alternative to walking along Orapiu Road, much of which has no berms.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft Local Board Plan?

Nice map on page 7 – at least it acknowledges the DoC administered Reserves in Te Matuku Environs.

Under the heading Advocacy on page 22 are aims around short term visitor accommodation, preventing further loss of residential housing stock and seeking changes to the National Environmental Standards for detached minor residential dwellings.

Incentivise something and you will get more of it. For a number of years (continuing) it has been easier to obtain consent to add multiple visitor accommodation units onto a property than to get consent for a full time caretaker or WOOFA accommodation unit / minor dwelling. This, in part, drove the proliferation of short term visitor accommodation at the expense of long term accommodation for local workers (which was decidedly unhelpful given one needs the latter to service the former). It also undermined landowner’s ability to provide themselves with aging in place options like having separate accommodation for live close personal care workers. In light of “an aging community, without sufficient local services to enable community members to age in place” and the over proliferation of short term visitor accommodation the incentives need to be addressed and changed.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

At a high level, these are all noble objectives. I am very happy with the way the Local Board is doing its best to engage with and support various community groups such as residents' associations. It is difficult for ageing members of the community to stay on island due to the lack of aged care facilities. To help people stay in the community, it would be good to develop housing communities that see interaction between all age groups, rather than just having all the elderly in one place. There are many volunteer groups, and other groups with a social or community charter, which is great, but sometimes groups might need more help to ensure that they are working together and not just in their isolated space. Regarding the food charter, walking around Onetangi, I see people with lemons, oranges, and grapefruit going to waste as they fall from their trees. Perhaps there could be a way to encourage people to share their excess produce easily - without going to market. Keep up the good work supporting island-based health and community services.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I agree with everything in this part of the plan. However, in terms of weed control, I think the Council needs to lead by example. It seems to me that the weediest land is often Council land. If the Council focussed on eradicating weeds here, they could use this to educate private landowners and encourage them with their own efforts. As it is, the Council is a very poor role model. As with the previous section, there are many groups operating with an environmental charter, but there is a danger that they don't communicate with each other and just focus on building their own empires, not casting any aspersions, as I know they all have good intentions. Keep pushing for both dark sky and quiet sky initiatives. I am particularly keen to see the development of the wetland area between 3rd and 4th Avenues in Onetangi. This could be used as a positive contribution to flood control, the development of a sustainable ecosystem, and for the education of residents and visitors about the importance of wetlands.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

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I agree with all this. I would like to see greater recreational use being made of the 3rd Avenue pohutukawa reserve, through an all-weather path to allow it to be used all-year round, and the development of an outdoor fitness course. It may also be possible to hold other outdoor events here. The lack of housing is a problem which has been exacerbated by AirBnBs. The council could begin by establishing a register of houses being used for short term visitor accommodation to better understanding current patterns of housing use and investigate ways to encourage property owners to consider longer term rentals. I have also noticed that some new houses have been consented with minimal water storage as they are relying on bore water (such as the houses north of the Onetangi wetland between 3rd and 4th Avenues). This practice needs to stop. I have also heard of houses with disconnected downpipes while the owners are away. This is perhaps more for the previous section, but there could be a stronger statement on water management - control of bore usage (perhaps people need to be charged for taking water from their bores to encourage them to collect rainwater instead) and requirements for rainwater collection.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Getting the balance right is difficult, but I do sometimes feel that people come, leave their rubbish and go again, without even patronising local businesses. Somehow, we should have greater support from the wider council to cope with these costs. Another key area, is people coming over with cars creating further problems for our limited roading infrastructure.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It is great to see planning for new footpaths on Waiheke Rd (between 3rd and 4th Ave, and up the hill), and other plans to make roads safer for pedestrians. I would still like to see more action on the Strand in Onetangi to calm or remove vehicles.

Buses need to be re-thought to use the electric buses on the main route from Onetangi to Matiatia (We also don't need the bus to go down 3rd Ave and along the Strand to 4th Ave) and then have smaller buses (possibly even on-call in some cases of low demand) as feeders to the main route. This would reduce the carbon footprint quite significantly. Also, buses are not always timetabled to meet the Island Direct ferry - especially in the evenings - and they tend not to wait for the Island Direct boat, although they will wait for Fullers boats.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

I wish the Local Board all the best in fulfilling this plan.



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Quite well

Tell us why

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Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We understand there is an application for a Landfill site on Orapiu Road. We object to this application for the following reasons:-

- 1) Increased frequent Heavy vehicle/truck movement on unsuitable rural roads impacting already unstable routes.

2) Major safety consideration for the routes frequented by locals and unwary Tourists who drive, cycle and walk to the Eastern End.

2) Roads are already often under constant maintenance to cope with slips and environmental impacts.

3) The development of the proposed landfill will impact the protected special environment we advertise as Waiheke's jewel. Silt and sediment from landfill runoff into the valley waterways will surely have adverse impacts on the protected marine environment areas locally and marine life, ie: Te Matuku Oysters.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

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ORAPIU WHARF

We are in support of the Orapiu Wharf being made fit for purpose, so passing ferries can offer a vital link to the Eastern end community and as a commuter and tourism link to Auckland and the Coromandel.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

The 5 key areas are perfect !

Asking the community and listening will definitely drive so great projects in hope for great outcomes.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I feel we need 'more things to do'... or reminded about things to do

Here are some ideas of some easy hanging fruit ...

Health promotion - can be done various way in Gulf news.... or on TV screens at Drs

Embrace our beautiful environment; Promote our stunning walking tracks ... these are free and are not showcased enough.

Promote fresh air vitamin D and it's importance

Taha Tinana, Wairua, Hinengaro

Add more play equipment to existing spaces

For example Big Oneroa Swings

Add monkey bars and / or a slide

Ostend Sports Park - Build a tree house in a big tree with a climbing wall feature.

Or a new playground at Blackpool School

For adults- add some exercise equipment at each playground for parents / grandparents.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Our paths and roads are tricky, I do not feel safe riding around the Island with my young whānau.

BUT concreting around certain spaces could also help this as parents could hikoi and take their children and their bikes or scooter etc...

A concreted path around Blackpool school or Onetangi sports park or Ostend sports park would encourage tamariki to ride their scooters and bikes etc

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**
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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

You speak of equitable outcomes, I feel this should be number 1 on the list of priorities.

Equitable outcomes should apply to all people irrelevant of any Maori background.

Within NZ - a lot of people have Maori heritage. Everyone should be treated equally. I do not believe Maori Outcomes should be at the top of your priority.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I feel the tamariki of Waiheke need to be higher on the list.

The culture and heritage of Maori on Waiheke should most definitely be recognised and included within our motu; however as mentioned prior - I do not agree with prioritising wellbeing & potential specifically for Maori as I believe this is the cause of separatism and racism in NZ. It is not inclusive or equitable which is mentioned in the 3 top priorities of this plan.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would love to see a central hub for the health department on Waiheke.

Somewhere central that holds our emergency services, doctor clinics, radiology and pharmacy in one place.

This would offer clarity to all residents and visitors.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to add more public bathroom facilities, not remove them. Onetangi is a long spanning beach and only has 2 public facilities. The eastern end of the beach has been without facilities, yet this is the boat launching end. I have seen men urinating in the creek just up from where kids are playing, after drinking alcohol and woman walking up the zig-zag track to do their business. The removal of public toilet facilities at Kennedy Point is outrageous. Whoever deemed it cost effective and fit for purpose in the first instant obviously got this wrong if the current infrastructure cannot withstand 10 people per day as recently advised. To make it work it now needs a potential \$400,000.00 - this is not the rate payers fault. An area such as Kennedy Point, which has grown by way of marina, cafe and now houses multiple species of marine wild life and encourages locals to safely swim and local clubs to utilise this space - the public need to have bathroom facilities. This should in no way fall to the responsibility of those who have businesses here. This is a local council responsibility.

A simple and not to expensive addition to the local Saturday market may be having visible signage around the motu. As you come away from both ferry terminals, on busses or on buildings?

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Matiatia ferry terminal needs to be more inviting, more engaging/ by way of atmosphere - music, gift shop perhaps? Local art.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Indoor heated, year-round pool for the obvious reasons: physical and mental health of all ages of all residents. Water safety and confidence for all ages. This is a no brainer and has been an ongoing idea since I was a child at Te Huruhi raising funds towards this project.

Continual help for local sports clubs, in terms of funding for travel and spaces. These clubs are keeping our children busy and active enabling them to have a healthy life through their childhood years. They are essential to the mental and physical personalities of our children. Our parents and all the volunteers that make this happen should be recognised and supported in more ways.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

I like the focus on community and environmental concerns. We need to focus on the people not just the bigger picture as the people, community and environment are what matters.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Community groups and public resources like the library, budgeting service are essential for community wellbeing, don't force them out because of lack of public funding and increasing rents

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to preserve our environment in any way possible and stop putting big business over the environment.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Please see my letter regarding the ferry terminal

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Waiheke Ferry Terminal

I have worked at the Waiheke Ferry Terminal (not at Fuller's) for around five years so I have a good idea of the problems visitors face when coming to Waiheke.

As a gateway Waiheke is currently predominantly controlled by Fullers due to the ferry and now increasingly the hop on hop off bus.

Due to the number of tourists the hop on hop off bus in my view is essential as in the summer the numbers are far too much for the local bus service to handle. If you work down here you appreciate the true numbers coming through the terminal.

It is worth noting that they must be making a significant amount of money from the ferry plus the bus.

Currently there are several missed opportunities when dealing with guests arriving in Waiheke.

Often guests arrive and they are very confused about what to do, where to go and how to get around.

At the moment helping these people falls to the Fullers staff or current staff working for other tourism operators like the car rental or evokes around the terminal who are doing other roles as their main jobs.

The current leaflet stand and itourism is not fit for purpose for a world class tourist destination. What people want is someone they can talk to and ask questions to. They also want a map of the island.

It would be great to see a paid role in place from December through to April, as a Waiheke Ambassador. Someone who can help answer visitors questions, give advice.

There is currently a massive gap that is filled by the current ferry terminal staff. At the end of the day from what I have seen, people want someone to talk to and a lot of people arrive not knowing what they want to do or how they can get around or even what to do.

Another problem is the situation with the hop cards and non acceptance of cash on the bus.

I have seen many incidents where families or overseas customers can not access the bus as they don't have a hop card and they do not have a credit or debit card for all the people in their party. As you require a card per person.

This problem mainly affects elderly people, families with children, or people with foreign cards that do not always work to tag on or foreign visitors that cannot understand English well.

It is difficult for them to understand about the hop card and the debit card and creates friction for getting around easily especially if they don't speak English well.

The current situation at the ferry terminal is that for winter the Fullers desk is closed at 3 pm Monday to Thursday so they can't even buy a hop card if they wanted. I have personally witnessed in the last week a family of two adults and three children with limited English come and be unable to get on the bus as they needed a card to tag on their kids and the driver wouldn't let them on. They were at the ferry terminal for a while and then went back on the ferry home. This is not an isolated incident.

One thing that would help this and also that would benefit the wider Waiheke community in my opinion would be to make public bus travel free for children up to 16.

Also for the buses to start accepting cash again.

Failing that Waiheke needs a machine that sells hop cards as a matter of urgency.

Again when the Fullers ticket desk is closed, current terminal staff fill the gap for both Fullers and AT, helping answer questions, buying tickets for people on the machine if they only have cash. We are not a cashless society and foreign guests frequently have and want to use cash.

Another issue at the ferry terminal is the lack of free WiFi. When international tourists are coming through the terminal sometimes they need the internet and their data is not working. This can cause significant issues for people.

There are several opportunities to make the Waiheke terminal a more welcoming experience for visitors.

Tourists at the end of the day are one of the main drivers of Waiheke's economy. If you are looking to charge a visitor levy and want to continue making money from tourists we need to be looking at ways we can help people access Waiheke, inclusively and make the terminal a more welcoming place to arrive.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Historically Waiheke has had stricter moth plant control rules than the Auckland Mainland and countless landowners and volunteers have invested significant resources (both time and money) in moth plant control across both private and public land with positive results.

So, it would be a great shame and a waste of much effort and money, to see moth plant controls relaxed or removed. Waiheke's natural environment will inevitably degrade as a

result. When it comes to moth plant every weak link (a non-complying landowner) undermines the efforts of all the complying landowners. Not enforcing land owner compliance would be disastrous for Waiheke's ngahere.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Relax or remove the moth plant control rules and both sustainability and Waiheke's uniqueness as a natural destination will be undermined. Undermining our natural environment works in opposition to supporting eco-tourism. The financial benefits of moth plant control far outweigh the cost to council in continuing to target it on Waiheke Island, imo.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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Very well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Re the section "Respond to the challenge of climate change in a way that secures a sustainable future for our islands" - the item about the Climate Plan I would add or strengthen the language to include supporting electrification flagships to reduce emissions, I would also suggest amending the language re microgrids to encompass local power generation and distributed energy solutions (which could include various solutions including community

battery infrastructure, or microgrids, or power demand balancing, or peer to peer sharing etc
- there are potentially more than one solution which may be appropriate on Waiheke).

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would suggest adding language around collaboration / partnership with Ferry companies (all of them including both passenger and vehicle operators) towards planning for decarbonization of the ferry fleet over the long term. Bring the passenger ferries under PTOM could be one way to incentivise this but its a wider issue including all operators - this is also one of the flagship project to be tabled under the Climate Plan refresh

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Could perhaps be some stronger language around supporting electrification and emissions reduction through the Climate Plan



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Your feedback:

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Very well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Promote affordable housing.

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Promote less car usage.

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

there needs to be more in-depth information about how this looks for the older adult population, the current needs and future needs of the older person, the access to services, the access to appropriate funding and what care looks like when it is decision time for moving from the home which for many has been their home for most of their lives

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

more information on the services that are offered to the older or vulnerable population

that there is recognition of the significant numbers of older persons and what value they bring to the Waiheke Island community

recognition of neurological health conditions such as Dementia, the impact on the person and their whanau and how as a community we can support them (it takes a team effort, or in this case a community to not only support our young but to support our older persons)

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

how to sustain the populations needs in terms of rubbish and recycling costs

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

lack of recognition for the homes that are needed for our older persons, healthy and affordable, affordable grants available to upgrade existing homes or provision of alternatives that allow the person to stay on the island and access local supports in a more appropriate home suited to their ongoing needs, looking at the models of homes built with accessible entrances, easy to maintain, wet rooms, in central locations with transport nearby

a focus discussion on how prospective residents can access housing in a community where there are significant empty dwellings that not occupied for most of the year, how can those be turned into affordable and safe rentals, what are the barriers to those decisions

a need to bolster the funding behind the Māori initiatives and provision of services

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

recognition for the population of the island who remain on the island, there seems to be a focus on it being a "destination" rather than a viable and sustainable place to live at any age

the residents get left behind in the economic viewpoint of a "destination"

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

more cost-effective ferry transport options, a stronger lobbying to local and national Government level to bring the 3 options under the Auckland council to mandate the costs

there is a focus on being environmentally friendly which is all very well however it ignores the very purpose of the ferry which is to provide transport for not only the visitors but for the workers who travel back and forth on a regular basis, this is a barrier that has forced many to move off the island or significantly alter how they transport and for what

the proactive look at our taxi service on the island, the costs and the barriers to effective use by most who find the costs exorbitant

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

recognition for Māte wareware Dementia for all and in particular for the Maori population with the knowledge of the risk factors associated with the development and progression of Māte wareware dementia and how that relates to the equity of health resources and funding for this



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Tell us why

2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Please do not introduce a visitor levy via the ferry network. It is inequitable and untenable. There would most likely need to be exclusions, including those with AT Hop cards, those with Super Gold Cards, and those with any type of ferry multi trip pass for Waiheke. To be equitable, any visitor levy would also need to include those travelling by private boat or aircraft. The ferry companies would no doubt be reluctant to implement it, and would charge a fee for administration costs.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Please do not put cycle lanes through the main road of the villages of Oneroa, Surfdale, and Ostend.

The speed limits have been reduced to a much safer 30KMPH, and the painted signs of cycles on the roads alert motorists.

Main road, roadside parking is heavily utilised by locals, visitors including those with mobility issues, also by freight delivery vehicles, and emergency services vehicles.

It is my assertion that if the main road parking was removed many businesses would financially suffer, if not become completely unviable. Do not underestimate the level of locals who also pop into these businesses on their way to and from the ferries. There are alternative routes if cyclists choose to take them.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

I don't know

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**

I just wanted to say I reckon Waiheke really needs a community gym

There's not heaps for young people to do over here, and I think having a gym would give us somewhere positive to go. It wouldn't just be about getting stronger, it'd be a place where people can hang out, stay healthy, build confidence, and keep out of trouble.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Nearly all of my preferred priorities for community, environment, housing and transport are covered in some form.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

All good.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

This section is ambitious enough, doesn't need more.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

If Piritahi are looking to provide kaumātua housing I'd like the local board to support that, in recognition of Piritahi's contributions to community and the natural environment of Waiheke.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Not really in my area of expertise, but sounds good.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I'm very pleased that active transport is prioritised.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The plan considers all of the areas we think important. We need to ensure these are actioned.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A real need to address how we support children and youth and ensure they have a wide range of opportunities and experiences to engage and challenge them while also ensuring they are well-prepared for future careers and further education. It does take a village.

Older people having to leave the island because of increasing costs (rates) and health issues is a real sadness. How can we make this better?

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Better signage on beaches re caulerpa, vehicles on beaches, restrictions on dogs (the western end of Onetangi Beach is a prime example - sign forbidding dogs poorly placed for visibility - needs to be large and pointing down the beach). Signs discouraging people from feeding birds.

Restoration and protection from future development of wetlands is important eg that on 3rd avenue.

More effective overview of the cutting of trees to improve views and stronger consequences for those who do. More education of the need for protection of them by the public.

The more waste we can avoid the better - more incentives for residents to limit their waste?

Present and future consideration and avoidance of impacts from climate change is critical

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

More security around leases for wonderful facilities like the art gallery, Artworks, Music Museum etc - those running them (often volunteers) shouldn't have to have huge worries around this every time leases come up for renewal. They are all critical for the wellbeing of those living on Waiheke and to having Waiheke recognised as an arts destination.

Healthy homes - could there be low interest loans made available for retro-fitting double-glazing?

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Visitors - We need visitors to be better managed. Air bnbs are problematic in many ways. They all need to be registered with the Council. Do owners all pay the tax they should? They cause problems with noise and disruption, lock residents and workers out from long-term housing thereby damaging communities. (We don't have a housing shortage on the Island - we have a housing availability problem).

There need to be levies on visitors that are specifically used for the infrastructure needed.

Is there still a wharf tax? This should also be transparent and used on the island.

Resiliency is critical given that we can be cut off through environmental impacts at any time. Strengthening and building the Civil Defence systems is underway but needs to remain a priority, along with encouragement to produce more of what we need here.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A safer roading environment is critical for the wellbeing of both residents and visitors. The lack of footpaths, safe bike lanes and better traffic management is really problematic. Onetangi Straight is a prime example where we see families biking along a bike lane which abruptly ends as they approach the dangerous corner at the Waiata Road intersection. There is no footpath for the many people who walk between wineries.

The Bridle Path in that area is rutted and unsafe - as well as not being visible.

The beginning of Waiheke Road from Fourth Avenue is also very dangerous with no safe walking access to Third Ave and beyond.

We also need more small buses on some routes at various times of the day. Empty and double-decker buses are not environmentally friendly - the latter also out of character for the island.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The environment, community, development criteria and transport are essential to our life as islanders... It is an expensive place to live for many who provide the services. Our unique infrastructure is very important in this fragile place.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The teenagers on our motu need a Hub, a safe place to socialise and be respected for their place in the community.

Ensure the workforce on the island are cared for and supported. I know there is some support...

Ensure other cultures are supported, welcomed and not subjected to racial abuse. The library, theatre and market need to cover this in their safe environment notes.

A community pool with lift access or something for elderly people who are unable to enjoy the water without assistance...

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There needs to be a place, maybe online where rampant weed infestation can be noted with possibly weekend groups tackling the issues whether they be on private land (with consent of the owner who may be unable to manage the situation) or public. Make it a community project?

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I notice that some, plus visitors, often put their own needs over safety when driving on our roads. We need more care for others using the roads.

Burnouts and racing often take place on Marine View Road, Onetangi 1081. Could we have judder bars as a safety feature?

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

The rubbish situation seems to be exacerbated when individuals are working long hours or are very busy. How can we support visitors and locals to reduce rubbish? Woolworths play a large

part in the rubbish accumulated by shoppers. It would be great if only products were sold on the island that are eco-friendly...



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

I think it discusses biodiversity and climate adaptation well but could provide clearer pathways of actionable projects or where funding would go to support these goals.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I think it would be a good idea to discuss what a resilient community may actually look like. This term is used a lot but there may be other words to better describe what is being meant or how this may be achieved.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The plan seems to do this well, but I would like to see a real emphasis on supporting biodiversity as well as responding to climate change. I would like to see even greater emphasis on addressing pest plant species and how the board might support this.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would like to see a way of investing money from tourism back into Waiheke directly. And also recognising the negative impacts of tourism as well as the positives. Supporting the economy to become more circular would be great.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

I think giving biodiversity outcomes equal weight to climate change goals. The issues are interlinked but still need to be considered separately as well.



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Quite well

Tell us why

Very general, but good high level goals. However it needs to include good management of key areas and consideration of all residents and their concerns - eg freedom camping in residential streets etc

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Yes - there is a growing call for a bike track to accompany the excellent skateboard park. This track could be sited on the same peice of land as the infrastructure (loos/ Toilets/ seating etc)is already in place. This seems to be a very high priority for our kids, and I would like to see this added to the pan details

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

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5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

I don't know

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.***

I think Waiheke really needs a community gym. Not just for adults, but for us young people too.

Please think about investing in our future. It might seem like just a building, but to us it could become a second home where we grow into stronger, healthier, and happier people



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Covers most of the key challenges.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The focus on the ageing population is good, but there is nothing in the introduction here about the depopulation shown in the most recent census of all child/YP age groups and family aged adults. The decline in those numbers must be addressed and articulated as it is impacting our school roles, our sports codes, our volunteer base and our diversity in demographics which are becoming more homogenised.

Please drop the words 'uplifting...our community' in the intro paragraph. Its not used generally, except by the churches.

Challenges - Note the wider gap in household median incomes - was \$25k for many years, and is now much greater. Therefore our economic status has dropped markedly within the region.

Lack of affordable travel should be noted for those under 65 years of age. Also it's not solely because prices keep on increasing every year but because Waiheke cannot access the PTOM subsidies afforded every other PT service in the country.

Our Plan - aim should be to 'grow the success of the arts on Waiheke,' not to 'grow the arts on Waiheke. We already have a thriving arts sector - the board needs to nurture and sustain that success

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Challenges - bullet point two. Should include flooding as well as droughts and popn surges.

Opportunities - with predator free our opp isn't to become a leading example of a predator free island as there are large numbers of these, and many in our own rohe. The aim is to become an example of a predator free residential island.

Objectives - Respond to the challenge of climate change etc - ref the third bullet point. I do agree that it is timely for the board to back a single proposition or solar microgrids, but rather to "Support investigations into the feasibility of solar microgrids and other local infrastructural solutions to power our community.,

Advocacy - the board seems to intend taking several issues direct to central government and bypassing the council. Some of that may be necessary but is not strictly permissible except where the impacts of regulations or statutes are somewhat exclusive to Waiheke vis-a-vis the rest of Auckland. I suggest that the list needs to be reviewed and AC incorporated along with central Govt, and in some cases instead of; ditto advocating though and with the Hauraki Gulf Forum

The harbour master is the first port of call re boating activities, abandoned boats etc. and the WLB relationship has been developed to facilitate that.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Our Plan - There is no case presented in the introduction or the board to investigate possible improvements to campground facilities - the only one council owns is the Whakanewha Regional Park and the WLB has no jurisdiction over that as it's a regional park.

Advocacy - prior plans for council property allowed for health and social services and affordable housing. Social services are collocated within our health trusts and there should be encouragement and incentives for further collocation, collaboration and indeed amalgamation, to keep the overheads low and therefore increase investment in services for the community. Moreover 'available council land' should not be the target. It should be for the board to seek opportunities with council for governance and ownership to ensure council land can be used for the best return to the community to the community..

I propose a substitution: Council land and buildings to be rationalised , which may include land swaps, sale and purchase and other relevant instruments with the long term view to develop collocated health, social services and/or affordable housing to better meet the needs of the Waiheke population. Any EOI or RFP will demonstrate optimising overhead savings though agency amalgamation, collaboration or collocation

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Intro: I'd like to see innovation and small businesses mentioned in the list of sectors adding value - both are vital within our economy.

Making generalised assertions about the scale of tourism and hospitality should be backed by facts - eg the % of our economy. Ditto the statement about where the jobs are - last time I looked education health (incl caregiving) and retail were all significant employers.

Opportunities - need to include innovation / Waiheke location close to the largest city and International connections makes it an ideal hub for tech nomads, building innovative businesses.

our Plan- please consider 'Investigate ways to understand visitor data etc' to "investigate ways to utilise visitor data and tourism insights" Investigating on its own doesn't get anywhere.

Shelter has been transposed in here and doesn't make sense the question must be asked what it means to the reader.

Tourism - there's no mention of the visitor levy being progressed by THE WLB...

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

This reads well but we are the only board with a 10-year transport plan and an MOU that actually prefigures many things, or which the 10 year plan is one. The job is to get the MOU rolled over into the new transport entities.

Intro - advocating for electrification of ferries might not be wise as the technology is too bulky and heavy for the channel. Perhaps advocating for hybrid ferries that reduce fossil fuel consumption or for carbon emissions free ferries would be better?

Q. Isn't the Waiheke carbon plan for net zero by 2040, as opposed to WLB adopting the Te Tauruke target of 2050.

3 year goals: continuous cycleway is listed twice - suggest amalgamating those under the 2nd objective

Under safe roading network- please add 'publicly consulted' to the refreshed Waiheke 10-year Transport as its years since the public were able to give input into this Plan.

I'm not sure what it means by 'Investigate local event traffic management planning solutions.' Why isn't explained. Traffic management criteria are signed off by AT but heavily fixed by Waka Kotahi, and their over-regulation has killed events nationwide.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

This local board has substituted what was the core premise of the prior two LBPs without explaining why to the public. This makes it impossible to unpick for those giving feedback. The statement that 'Waiheke is a sanctuary in the gulf' received more than 95% positive public endorsement the first time it was proposed and much the same result three years later. Despite that overwhelming support it has been dropped. It should be reinstated.

The translation of the given Maori name for Waiheke is a great addition to the plan but the significance is not explained anywhere. The word shelter has replaced sanctuary but that word does not substitute for the many nuances and the immediacy of recognition of sanctuary. It would be impossible for members to frame up any argument that it wishes to make against say helicopter noise levels, using the word shelter. In fact the word sanctuary has supported most strategic positions the board has taken for the past six years. It is of note that the marina company could have used the board's commitment to the literal translation to justify its marina development, had the board at that time used Te motu Arai Roa and its definition of shelter for waka as a core strategic statement underpinning the whole of the WLBP.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

Focus on all the right areas - perhaps not quite enough on the arts

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Cost of travel an important thing - let's lobby the new government for the \$20 weekly public transport cap

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The focus on the natural environment is admirable. But it's extremely distressing that the Local board continues to support a group that actively opposes and tries to stop others

working positively for the environment. This is a particularly delicate situation - please contact me directly to discuss. alzzstone@gmail.com

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Let's get the busses to also meet the other company's ferries.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Quite well

Tell us why

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Yeah I think this is good I think that the younger youth and generation do we need guidance I think that they need a place where they can learn discipline and potentially train.

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Yeah I do believe that Waiheke roads are quite horrendous every corner is bumpy, and there are a lot of potholes so I could see that roads and would need a lot of repairs

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Yeah I think that local gyms potentially particularly combat sports as a great way to bring brothers together and Maori, create that respect between each other and build each other up



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Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Need the 50A bus reinstated around Ostend Rd (on the hour only) for elderly and disabled residents.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The Te Ara Hura walkway from Albert Cres to Wharf Rd desperately needs weed clearance on an ongoing basis as jasmine, ivy, asparagus fern, etc are strangling and killing mature natives like centuries-old pohutukawa. Te Ara Hura should be showcase for Waiheke native beauty

not weed infestation. Also the walkway at the top needs attention as it has been partially bulldozed and is now treacherous and unsafe with loose rubble posing a threat to walkers and elderly walking groups. The dirt from the bulldozing has also blocked the culverts causing heavy run off during storms and worsening the unsafe surface.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Need a roundabout at Belgium St/Whakarite Rd/Ostend Rd busy intersection where multiple roads converge. Traffic often backed up, especially on Market day. A roundabout would fix this. Also pedestrian crossing required outside supermarket.

Need a floating pontoon similar to Kennedy Pt at Wharf Rd wharf for boaties to launch boats to take pressure off limited trailer parking at Kennedy Pt.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Need the 50A bus reinstated around Ostend Rd (on the hour only) for elderly and disabled residents. The buses every 15 mins from Matiatia to Onetangi cater primarily for tourists. The needs of local residents also need to be catered for.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**

To the Waiheke Local Board,

I'm not asking you to invest in a building. I'm asking you to invest in the future of our island.

Every young person deserves a place where they can belong, build confidence, and discover what they're capable of. A community gym would be more than weights and equipment-it would be a safe space that teaches discipline, resilience, respect, and healthy habits. It would give our rangatahi somewhere to go instead of somewhere to avoid.

The decisions we make today will shape the next generation. We can continue reacting to problems after they happen, or we can invest in prevention by creating opportunities that change lives before they head down the wrong path.

This isn't about me. It's about leaving something behind that will still be serving Waiheke 20 years from now. A place where young people grow into stronger, healthier, more connected adults who give back to the same community that believed in them.

Let's build something our future generations will thank us for



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Quite well

Tell us why

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Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The island desperately needs something for its mountain bike riders . There is high tensions at the local skatepark between bike riders and skateboarders . My son has even had abuse from parents there for riding his bike . We need a dirt jump track pump track . The pump track is unusable and is never used by anyone .

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Tell us why

Please see attached

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Have Your Say on the Draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026

FEEDBACK

*At the recent Local Board meet and greet, at Onetangi Hall, it was suggested that interested parties comment on all the key initiatives that are relevant to them. In order to do this we have decided to provide written feedback following the order in which the key initiatives are set out under their respective headings in the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026. My partner and I have prepared feedback on behalf of ourselves personally and also Pouteria Charitable Trust, of which we are both Trustees, so you will see very similar (but **not** identical) feedback across the three documents . My comments are in italics.*

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our Islands for the next three years?

Comments:

Pages 8 through 11 of the draft Plan set out the vision for overarching outcomes from the draft Plan. Equitable outcomes, fairness and sustainability all get a mention.

A 9 July 2026 Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender article (page 40) headed “Council wants to uproot anti moth plant rule” contained the statement: “(Phil) Brown (Council head of natural environment delivery) said due to cost, aside from the Biosecurity Focus Areas the council relies on public complaints. This raises an equity issue, on top of the fairness concern of imposing high costs on some landowners.”

We are Waiheke. We are not Auckland Mainland. We are an Island. We have unique advantages. Arguing that the moth plant control rules on Waiheke are inequitable or unfair and we should remove them, to be fair and equitable with the Auckland Mainland, is lowest common denominator thinking and should be rejected.

When prospective purchasers purchase land on Waiheke they are deemed to be aware of the relevant laws, rules, etc (ignorance is no excuse) and, prior to purchase, they have the opportunity to undertake due diligence. By purchasing land, here on Waiheke, purchasers accept the rights and responsibilities of ownership.

There are numerous analogous situations where issues of equity and fairness could also be said to arise, for example, if an individual purchases a house with a swimming pool or becomes a dog owner. In both cases the “owner” is subject to particular rights and responsibilities. One could argue that it is unfair to impose the costs of compliance associated with “ownership” of a property with a swimming pool or a dog on those without a swimming pool or a dog.

Equally, in respect of landowners on Waiheke, is it “fair” for a small percentage of landowners, who are not controlling moth plant on their properties, to undermine the time, effort and resources other landowners have put and continue to put in to controlling moth plant on their properties and who are abiding by the social contract? I don’t think so.

In respect of dog owners on Waiheke - is it “fair” for a small percentage of non-compliant dog owners to undermine the amenity of Waiheke for the rest of the population (who are abiding by the social

contract), not to mention posing a threat to Kiwi, Dotterel, Banded Rail and Weka? Again, I don't think so.

Accountability is key. Accountability is only achievable with a back stop of enforcement.

People respond to incentives. Many landowners on Waiheke are voluntarily working to control moth plant on their properties. Other landowners have been "encouraged" into working to control moth plant on their properties, by their neighbours, because enforcement provisions backstop the moth plant control rule. Yet other landowners have been "encouraged" by letters from Auckland Council (footnote 1). Some landowners, however, are immune to education and persuasion and for those people it is critical Waiheke has competent, efficient enforcement procedures – because, when it comes to moth plant, a single errant landowner is potentially catastrophically destructive to the efforts of others.

Footnote 1 – Auckland Council Officers have advised they have historically preferred education over enforcement. This will have both skewed the enforcement statistics (as referred to by Mr Brown) such that the statistics should be ignored and resulted in errant landowners not controlling their moth plant which has exacerbated the scale of the problem Waiheke / Auckland Council is now faced with.

Under headings "Climate outcomes" and "Equitable outcomes" (page 10) the draft Plan mentions "restoring the environment" and a thriving "natural environment". Clearly the environment will not be restored and the natural environment will not thrive if the current moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

2. Community objectives – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Community in this section?

Comments:

Thankfully, in this document, the Local Board recognises that Waiheke has a "unique character" as a result of its "coastal environment and geographic isolation" from Auckland and that "Waiheke's volunteer groups are active and dedicated" and they "understand Waiheke's unique character".

Both the history of Waiheke and the kind of people who choose Waiheke as their home lead one to think that, as a proportion of landowners / residents, it is very likely that more Waihekeans (than Aucklanders) are involved, in some way, in conservation and are concerned about the quality of Waiheke's natural environment.

Waiheke has no possums, wallabies or deer. Feral pigs and goats have been eradicated. There is an ongoing mustelid eradication programme (six years so far and still on-going). Historically Waiheke (and Rakino) have had stricter moth plant control rules than Auckland Mainland and many landowners and volunteers have invested significant resources (both time and money) in moth plant control across both private and public land with positive results.

So, it would be a great shame, not to mention a waste of a lot of effort and money, to see the moth plant controls relaxed or removed as Waiheke's natural environment will inevitably degrade as a result. When it comes to moth plant every weak link (a non-complying landowner) undermines the efforts of all the complying landowners given the distances over which moth plant seeds can disperse. It is not the case that the consequences that flow from a mature moth plant seeding are limited to the property on which it is growing.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- A resilient, connected and compassionate community – support local initiatives including volunteer groups, that enhance connection and diversity, reduce isolation and promote community development.

Locals invariably know their local environment better than non-locals and / or Council Officers. Taking advantage of local knowledge is key to effective strategic planning and successful outcomes.

While conservation field work requires a level of fitness, community groups have roles for people who are disabled or live at distance. With the changing IT landscape, community groups have roles for volunteers to provide website, admin and fundraising support. Being involved as a volunteer in a community group, even remotely, has the potential to enhance connection, reduce isolation and build meaning in people's lives.

- Children and youth feel valued, and that they have diverse opportunities to thrive – support community led initiatives that enable Tamariki and whanau to develop confidence, skills and connections.

Ideally youth are introduced to the natural environment at an early age. Conservation field work generally requires a level of fitness and knowledge. Many existing volunteers are elderly, so we need to encourage and educate our youth about the natural environment and encourage their participation. There is potential for joint working between schools and local community groups.

3. Natural environment - how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Natural Environment in this section?

Quite well – Our natural environment is VERY important to us. I like to think that a higher percentage of Waihekians place a higher importance on their natural environment than Mainland Auckland residents.

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- “we must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding Gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is protected and restored. Community education and volunteer programmes have a crucial role to play. We will foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with volunteer groups committed to protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural environments such as wetlands, native bush, coastlines and marine environment.”
- “we will promote best practice for environmental management including stormwater, wastewater, wetlands, weed and animal pest control.”

We support the Local Board also identifying that it wants to:

- “grow and care for healthy, thriving forests across the island.”
- “preserve wetlands, bush and coastal habitats while maintaining public access and recreational opportunities”
- “manage invasive species and pests”
- “manage our large numbers of visitors and make sure they are aware of how to maintain and protect our unique environment”

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Support initiatives which protect, restore, and enhance the island's indigenous biodiversity

In order to support the island's indigenous biodiversity efficiently and effectively the artificial boundary between Auckland Council and DoC has to go. Pest plants and animals don't care about the human constructs of boundaries, ownership and responsibility. Unless and until the island is regarded holistically there will be inefficiencies and wasted resources, positive outcomes will be harder to achieve and volunteer frustrations will continue to undermine volunteer goodwill and efforts.

We note that the Waiheke Local Park Management Plan 2023, rather short-sightedly, does not encompass the DoC administered Reserves on Waiheke. The lack of a holistic plan for all public land on Waiheke leads to nonsensical outcomes, for example, the buffer zone project has been implemented (on three properties only) in Te Matuku environs. The land being buffer zone protected (by the Council spending very significant resource on private land already subject to pest plant and animal control covenants in favour of DoC) was the rather low ecological value Te Matuku Bay Esplanade Reserve on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula, whereas the DoC administered, nationally and regionally significant Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve is not directly relevant to the allocation of buffer zone funding. We note that the Plan promotes "cooperative management" – Sadly, in our experience, this has been lacking.

In particular, talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust about:

- 1. the most important wetlands on the island (in Te Matuku Bay);*
- 2. the Esplanade Reserve between the Marine Reserve and Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve;*
- 3. the Road Reserve adjacent to the DoC Reserves; and*

their "management" by Auckland Council contractors.

- *Recognise our island Ngahere as a form of climate resilience, and support work to protect and grow our native canopy cover.*

In a 9 July 2026 Article in the Gulf News / Waiheke Weekender Mr Brown, of Auckland Council, was reported as saying "Moth plant is a bad weed, one of the worst weeds around. But it is not the only one." Yes, it is true that there are many pest plants, but moth plant is absolutely the worst – ask anyone in the field undertaking actual pest plant control work! Climbing asparagus can be controlled over a relatively short period (as can ginger, tobacco, blackberry, gorse, etc). Moth plant seed banks require vigilance for a decade or more.

If you have seen rampant moth plant infestations you will be aware that they climb high for the light (even into the tops of mature podocarp trees) and then smother the trees with pods, which ripen and spread seed both below and on the wind.

Our native canopy cover will neither be protected nor grow if the moth plant control rules are relaxed or removed.

Only a relatively small percentage of landowners are not trying to control their moth plant. It is necessary to understand that moth plant control is a process and as long as landowners are making good progress (using appropriate methodology) they should be encouraged to continue, however, it is critical that those landowners not controlling, or adequately controlling, moth plant should be subjected to enforcement.

When a person buys land on Waiheke they are deemed to know the law (ignorance is no excuse). Equally prospective buyers have an opportunity to undertake due diligence before purchasing. As such, land owners cannot escape their obligations - to do so breaches the social contract with all the other landowners and undermines all the efforts of complying landowners.

- Investigate how to ensure the disposal of noxious weeds is more accessible for our community

As at the time of writing we understand 14,000 pods have been collected, so far, in the Waiheke 2026 moth pod collection competition. That's 7 million seeds (more or less) removed from our environment! Local volunteers had to organise this competition. Pouteria Charitable Trust put up one third of the prize funding required to get this competition off the ground, as timely funding had not been forthcoming from Auckland Council. Pod collection competitions ought to be an annual and well publicised event for the foreseeable future. The rewards massively outweigh the limited risk / cost.

- Continue to support the work and public messaging of predator free groups, including Te Korowai O Waiheke and pest control programmes

Pest animal control has been "flavour of the decade". Pest plant control is the poor cousin. A healthy natural environment needs both pest plant and animal control. A phenomenal amount of money has been spent (and is still being spent) on projects like TKOW, yet Mr Brown balks at \$100k being spent on moth plant control enforcement. A funding balance needs to be achieved. Stop funding rat pilots, particularly in areas where the local community volunteers are already doing the control work, they are a waste of money! The technology does not exist, at present, for cost effective eradication of rats on Waiheke. When the technology exists relook at rat eradication. In the meantime, fund moth plant control enforcement and education. Auckland Council increased rates by introducing a "Targeted Environment Rate". I believe this raises, approximately, \$35 million annually. \$100,000 represents a very small percentage of that.

The payment of workers to undertake tasks, that volunteers and land owners have previously undertaken, has second order consequences. Volunteer efforts oft times reduce as paid employees increase.

- Support freshwater ecosystem restoration projects, including streams and wetlands

The three most important wetlands on Waiheke are in Te Matuku Bay (per Auckland Council's own report). They span the boundaries of the Marine Reserve, Auckland Council's Esplanade Reserve and DoC's Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve. There is historically and currently NO holistic management. This is madness and an inefficient use of resources.

- Promote responsible pet ownership

Waiheke needs both more signage and enforcement. Like with moth plant and property owners, it is probably only 10% of dog owners who do not comply with local bylaws. There should be consequences for those owners. No longer should a minority be permitted to degrade environmental amenity for the majority.

With kiwi having been released in Te Matuku Environs it is critical that local signage clearly shows where dogs are prohibited or required to be on a lead (especially on the shell bank and when Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve Council Track is reopened). Signage empowers locals to bring community pressure to bear as well as to know when to call in enforcement on errant dog owners.

- Continue to support marine restoration and regeneration projects with key community organisations, schools and other agencies.

Pouteria Charitable Trust is one local volunteer led organisation working in Te Matuku Environs undertaking regeneration and periodic clean up events around Te Matuku Bay foreshore. Others

volunteer groups include the Te Matuku Regeneration Group working on the Peninsula between Te Matuku and Awaawaroa inlets. Support can take many forms and need not be financial.

4. Built environment – how well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Built Environment in this section?

Comments:

We support the Local Board, in this document, recognising that:

- “Our community facilities and open spaces are important to our community’s wellbeing and sense of belonging”
- “We will do our best to ensure our facilities, playgrounds, parks, reserves and track networks are well maintained and provide opportunities for recreation and connection.”

It is a great loss then that “the Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan is the Local Board’s guiding document for the management of our parks and reserves”, because that document ignores DoC administered reserves and as such is only a partial management plan for the parks and reserves located on the island.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- “Improve the open space network on the island – upgrade existing walking tracks including...to better protect bush / coastal environments, while improving safety and walkability.”

The public should have some benefit from land in public ownership. Auckland Council spent a significant amount of money on establishing the public walking track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve, only to close it within a very short time due to Kauri Die Back concerns. That track has been now been closed for coming up a decade and is in need of maintenance prior to reopening. The track needs clearing of wind fallen trees, clearing of new growth (in parts it is unclear the route of the track as the bush has taken over) and some repair work where small slips have undermined the track. Clear paths and signage through the grasslands area on Te Matuku peninsula are required to stop walkers trespassing on the Te Matuku Point Lane properties. In addition, a new northern exit route for the track needs to be sorted (the prior exit route being too close to Kauri).

Recent developments in the area have seen an easement granted, in the Council’s favour, through Koha Bay land. A path formed through that easement would enable walkers to walk from Orapiu Wharf to Te Matuku Bay foreshore on the north side of Te Matuku Peninsula approximately 98% off road.

Were a new northern exit route to the track through Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve sorted then walkers could walk from Orapiu Wharf to Auckland Council’s Stockyard Reserve largely off road.

There are already public toilets at both Orapiu Wharf and the Stockyard Reserve.

There is potential, with DoC agreement, for the walkway to then extend off road from the Stockyards Reserve through Stewardship Reserve West and the Historic Pioneer Cemetery Reserve in to Waiheke Scenic Reserve and potentially on to Ngati Poa land and on towards Man O War or onto the Fenwick peninsula and over to Awaawaroa Bay via the recently reopened Fenwick Track.

A walk from Orapiu Wharf to Man O War Wharf with supporting ferry services through (now) largely pristine mature podocarp forest would be a significant addition to the Island’s assets.

5. Economic development – how well do you think we captured Economic development needs and priorities in this section?

Comments:

We support the Local Board recognising “Waiheke’s extraordinary natural landscape” and “high quality landscapes and access to outdoor activities” as well as having a “vision of Waiheke being a leader in destination sustainability”.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – actively promote Waiheke’s identity as a unique natural destination and a shelter in the Hauraki Gulf, including encouraging visitors to respect Waiheke’s natural environment.
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – support eco-tourism and eco-adventure opportunities on Waiheke that sustain and help regenerate our environment.

Relax or remove the moth plant control rules and both sustainability and Waiheke’s uniqueness as a natural destination will be undermined. Undermining our natural environment does the opposite of supporting eco-tourism.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – work with our networks to develop a trail or series of trails that combines walking, art, food and cultural experiences.

Te Matuku environs have a long history of both Maori and European settlers, as such it presents an excellent opportunity for walking cultural tours. One of the most significant pa sites on the island sits above Orapiu Road between Omaru and Te Matuku Bays. All the local bays have interesting European settler stories and the Historic Precinct is historic because it contains both the Waiheke Pioneer Cemetery and the site of the Island’s first school. Te Matuku adds a significant historical dimension to the Around Waiheke Walk.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – provide targeted funding to community groups that actively grow conservation volunteerism.

It is challenging for Eastern End volunteer groups to recruit new volunteers. There is a limited local population, many of whom who are elderly, many of whom are already undertaking conservation projects on their own land and / or already volunteering. Local volunteer groups all need support attracting new and ideally younger volunteers.

- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably – develop and deliver an education approach to encourage visitors to respect the islands vulnerable natural and community environments.

Ensure signs for dog controls are adequate - both in terms of relevant information and locations.

- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island’s character and our need to increase resiliency – support and advocate for council-delivered projects on Waiheke that create employment.

Council delivered projects involving employment and / or contractors should be mindful of the Shirkey Principle (i.e., an organisation’s preservation of a specific problem for which they are the solution). Conservation is a process. Timely, efficient employment of the right methodology results in a reduced need for inputs over time. This is relevant to both moth plant control (wider pest plant control also) and also enforcement. Council should see inputs reduce over time as outcomes are achieved. If this

isn't happening then timely, efficient employment of the right methodology is not happening and contracts and contractors need review. Talk to Pouteria Charitable Trust, the Trust's data proves our assertions.

6. Transport – how well do you think we captured our Transport needs and priorities in this section?

Comments:

We support the local board in understanding that park and ride facilities are required, but that's only part of the solution.

Eastern End residents do not have a bus service. There are no sensible park and rides. In any event seasonally even getting the bus from Onetangi may not be possible. In summer we have gone to Onetangi to catch the bus to the Ferry only to not be able to get on a bus as the buses are full with tourists from their first stop at Onetangi Beach.

Parking at Matiatia has been an issue for years. AT actions reflect a lack of understanding of what is required by residents. One historical example is the removal of the 7 day paid parking area.

Recently parking at Matiatia was changed yet again (without consultation) when the 48 hour carpark started being enforced as a 48 hour carpark. This was a change from custom and practise and Auckland Council / Auckland Transport should have been estopped from changing that custom and practise without either prior consultation or notice.

Now, after the change, we have observed that the 48 hour carpark is often less than half full. That vacancy should be turned into a revenue stream meeting the intermittent needs of Eastern End residents to leave the island for periods in excess of 48 hours.

In the CBD residents are able to obtain extra street parking permits on payment of a fee and on proof of address and limited by registration plate. For Eastern End residents a similar scheme should be established. We are happy to pay a fair daily rate for each period of parking in excess of 48 hours, but we need both certainty and flexibility.

The following key initiatives, in particular, warrant comment:

- Safe, fit for purpose and environmentally friendly transport infrastructure – advocate for legislative change that would enable Waiheke ferries to be included in the Public Transport Operating Model.

Around October 2023 Auckland Transport implemented changes to the Half Moon Bay ferry service to integrate that service into the wider Auckland public transport network. A period of significant disruption occurred after – reduced timetables, loss of multi trip concession tickets, short notice and frequent cancellations, increased costs and reduced timetable flexibility. Hopefully lessons have been learnt from that “integration” and so similar problems will be avoided if / when Waiheke's ferry service is integrated into the wider public transport network.

- Our community feels empowered to use active modes of transport where safely possible – continue to deliver prioritised pedestrian ... links ...

A largely off road walking track from Orapiu Wharf to (see response under heading “Built Environment” above) would offer a much safer and nicer alternative to walking along Orapiu Road, much of which has no berms.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft Local Board Plan?

Pleased to see the map on page 7 acknowledges the DoC administered Reserves in Te Matuku Environs.

Under the heading Advocacy on page 22 are aims around short term visitor accommodation, preventing further loss of residential housing stock and seeking changes to the National Environmental Standards for detached minor residential dwellings.

Incentivise something and you will get more of it. For a number of years (continuing) it has been easier to obtain consent to add multiple visitor accommodation units onto a property than to get consent for a full time caretaker or WOOFA accommodation unit / minor dwelling. This, in part, drove the proliferation of short term visitor accommodation at the expense of long term accommodation for local workers (which was decidedly unhelpful given one needs the latter to service the former). It also undermined landowner's ability to provide themselves with aging in place options like having separate accommodation for live close personal care workers. In light of "an aging community, without sufficient local services to enable community members to age in place" and the over proliferation of short term visitor accommodation the incentives need to be addressed and changed.

Both my partner and I have communicated with neighbours and encouraged them to make a submission but we have run up against resistance. The recent 7% rates rise and the threat to relax or remove the moth plant control rules are the straw that is breaking the camel's back.

People have spent decades of time / effort and a great deal of money on active conservation on their land and they feel that Auckland Council is now putting all that work and money at risk.

Auckland Council previously removed the rates rebate on land subject to conservation covenants – that not only undermined goodwill when it happened but it also required landowners to find "new" money to fund the conservation initiatives they had previously allocated their rates rebate to. The reality was that the quantum of the rebate was not that large but it was a small contribution to conservation efforts whether that was pest plant or animal control. For us personally the rebate didn't even cover the cost of the rat baits we used in our baiting programme.

On top of removing the rebate Auckland Council also introduced a "Targeted Environmental Rate".

So those of us who have proactively pursuing conservation efforts on our land, which in our case was land we voluntarily covenanted to QEII (so it is protected in perpetuity), received a double slap in the face.

Auckland Council has previously spent many thousands of dollars, taxed on ratepayers, on private land (already subject pest plant and animal control covenants in favour of DoC) under the Buffer Zone Project. In at least two instances the land prioritised, by Auckland Council, was land where the owners were not meeting their pest plant control obligations (let alone the higher standard imposed by their DoC covenants). It would have been preferable to use the enforcement procedures against the errant landowners rather than "reward" them for their non-compliance by prioritising them for Buffer Zone funding. The consequence of Council's choices was to further undermine the goodwill of local landowners who were actually pursuing pest plant control on their land. The question that still remains to be answered in respect of those "spends" is ... are the private landowners, who received the benefit of that public money, now complying with their ongoing control obligations?

Recent developments (the rates rise and the threat to relax or remove the moth plant rule) sees some landowners no longer having the energy to engage with what they regard as bureaucrats who have very little comprehension of the history and status quo making more poor decisions and failing to understand second order consequences.

What can the Local Board do to improve the way we engage with you when making decisions about the Island's future?

Site visits would improve understanding.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

I'm sure the plan is great for Waiheke, but Rakino island barely rates a mention, excepting our Hall issues, which has been ongoing problem for at least 25 years if my reading of Rakino newsletters from 2001 is accurate.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Rakino Island desperately needs action on it's red-stickered hall. I understand the complexities of this issue; the threat of inundation from storm surges, the complex land control issues combined with the silo-ing of council and the CCOs, the limited amount of council owned land/ AT controlled land on the island, and the fact that the rate-payers association does not share information freely with the community, or is selective in what they share.

Rakino community is genuinely suffering from the lack of a neutral gathering place.

I also understand budgetary constraints and the necessity to not burden rate payers, but most Rakino property owners pay handsomely in Auckland also. It is distressing to hear that of a current budget of \$1.3 million, almost a third has been frittered on consultation.

I fear that this is yet again being wrapped up into the three year plan and won't be addressed in a timely fashion, and I'll be making this same submission again next year.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our *climate change* goals or *Māori outcomes aspirations*.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

I really liked how much focus there was on incorporating māori perspectives into future developments, such as encouraging bilingual naming of parks and working with Piritahi marae in terms of an equal partnership to create a relationship where the local board and the marae are both supporting each other in areas they need it.

I also thought the push towards trying to diversify waiheke's economy into different sectors is a very good idea, to hopefully open up more options for employment

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I think the content of the plan, when it comes to supporting Waiheke's rangatahi and further expanding the local board's relationship with Piritahi Marae, is a very valuable use of the local board's resources.

I do find it disappointing that there is no mention of Waiheke's LGBT community within the document; I believe this a group, much like Waiheke's rangatahi, that needs targeted support.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I feel strongly that protecting and restoring Waiheke's natural resources is extremely important, especially due to Waiheke's position as a tourist destination, I believe it is very important to protect it from exploitation from both locals and visitors.

I believe the objectives outlined in the final plan are a good starting point to achieve that goal.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I am very happy to see a targeted focus on promoting Waiheke's Māori identity; the local board has an obligation in my opinion to promote the celebration of the culture of the first inhabitants of the island, and use their resources to assist in promoting opportunities to disseminate Māori knowledge and worldviews

I do find it somewhat concerning though that, in a discussion of the built environment of Waiheke, there is no mention of how said environment can be altered to support people with disabilities; I believe it is nesscessary to consider how they may be empowered through changes to the built environment.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

As someone working within the art sector on the island, the targeted focus on Waiheke's artistic community is very exciting; I also agree that diversifying the economy of the island is a very valuable use of the councils resources.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I rely primarily on Waiheke's public transport, and believe there are many ways the bus and ferry system's could be improved. It is very nice to see that a particular focus is being given to the ways people travel around the island.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our *climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations*.

As said earlier, the piece of feedback I feel it is most important to share is my disappointment at the lack of a mention of LGBT, but more specifically our gender diverse community on Waiheke.

In the 2023 census, 8.7% of people on Waiheke described themselves as a member of the LGBT community, in comparison to the national average of 4.9%

At other points in the plan, there are direct mentions of supporting the mental health of our community, so again I feel that the plan is missing an avenue to approach that by not mentioning LGBT people, and especially gender diverse members of our community.

From the 2015 New Zealand Mental Health Survey, trans and gender diverse participants reported a four times higher rate of depression (41.3% compared to 11.8%), and a five times higher risk of suicide attempts within the last six months (19.8% compared to 4.1%) than the national average.

I believe this information highlights the prevalence, and negative consequences, of the lack of support that most LGBT, trans and gender diverse people receive within New Zealand; I also believe that due to Waiheke's strong community ethos, we are uniquely positioned to approach this issue.

I would highly recommend the local board looked to meeting and engaging in discussions, particularly with the trans and gender diverse members of community, such as myself, in order to develop a strategy to approach this; just as few examples, perhaps some trans support groups on the island or a collection of free clothing that trans or gender diverse young people could access to help explore their relationship with their gender identity.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We are excited about the further development to the skatepark area. I feel most of our playgrounds are missing play that is toddler & preschool friendly. So I would love to see lots of interactive things down low for them and well as things they are able to climb on. Also try and keep loose materials like sand, rocks and bark away from the existing paths as these make scootering and skateboarding were tricky. So maybe the sandpit should be closer to the flying fox.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

"Waiheke is recognised as an arts destination" is good as it starts to promote more than Waiheke being a vineyard destination. However, I think the opportunity should be taken to make that broader - something like ""Waiheke is recognised as an arts, outdoor activity, health and wellbeing destination". Then it starts to promote a more accurate and holistic island presence. IF there wasn't so much red tape we could have more fitness and health oriented events bringing in a wider visitor audience.

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It would be good to see something more specific on reducing the amount of unsealed roads, particularly in the western / heavier populated end of the island.

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**
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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Island infrastructure is at a cross road. Either visitor numbers are limited and current infrastructure and culture remain the same or significant investment in infrastructure is needed to support an increased resident and visitor population. Either way what makes Waiheke the treasure it is must be retained.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Housing for workers is urgently needed. The current plan does not address the need.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Waste transfer off the island is a significant cost. Waste minimisation needs to be a priority, starting with construction waste.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Activities for young people are required. Development of the mountain bike trails and a new downhill track needs to be considered. The existing sports ground / reserve is ideal for a venue such as this.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Visitor numbers are increasing beyond current capacity. Either increase capacity or pull up the drawbridge to limit visitor numbers. The priority has to be retaining the island culture and all that is valued. This needs to be better understood and researched from both perspectives.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Transport parking and park and ride options need to be considered. Both Kennedy Point and Matiatia venues require viable option for long term (72+ hour) options for trade visitors and residents. Retain Kennedy Point Rd parking until a viable option is available.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

It covers the main areas important to Waiheke

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It takes the problems the Waiheke community faces into account. Isolation from the mainland and an aging population. It could include a care facility for older people who need medical care. It could also include a facility for young people where they can meet and engage because the island can become quite boring for young people. However, they must be involved in the development of such a facility. Old and young people do not have to be separated and could work together in this enterprise. Housing could also be mixed with older and younger generations living together. We have community gardens and loads of community fruit trees. However, often see that fruit falls to the ground, either because people don't know that they can take it or they don't have the time to go around the neighbourhood to find these trees. The food charter could take this into account. Fruit from trees of houses which are empty during the winter could also be picked if there were more communication.

Support for residents associations and their work as well as for our health and community services is great and response to requests quick and efficient. Keep up the good work, please.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The Waiheke Community Resource recovery Park does a great job and one can recycle almost anything there. Educating people more to make use of it could also be enforced. Educating tourists to take their rubbish out through videos on the ferries or brochures given out with tickets would reduce the waste during summer when the bins are often overflowing. A lot of work for the natural environment is done by a great variety of community groups and other associations, in my opinion too many as they often don't know of each other or don't like working together. It is often difficult to get anywhere when too many people are involved in too many projects. There also is often too much red tape involved when you want to tackle a project, like petty health and safety regulations and bureaucratic hurdles. Waiheke is one of the weediest islands in the Pacific and most of us take great care of our backyards and gardens (and the often absent neighbours) to get rid of weeds. The worst areas however are on council land. At the moment council concentrates its efforts on moth plant, which is good but not enough, because they just don't do anything about other weeds. A greater effort must be made in this area. Also education of absent owners of houses where the weeds flourish especially in winter time. Healthy Waters is an entity which is hard to approach and I have got no idea what they are up to. More information about their plans is necessary. As far as I know we they concentrate on waste and storm water and how to manage it. However, considering climate change, I think more has to be done about water supplies. Most houses have rain tanks but some do not or I have heard and seen that absent property owners detach their gutters as not having to worry about overflows or dirty gutters. Consent for bores should not be given easily and certainly not for swimming pools. Houses without water tanks or small tanks (like the new development behind the old hotel in Onetangi) should not be consented. Water is a valuable resource and should be treated with respect. Again, educating tourists through videos/brochures on the ferries to use water sparingly would help a lot.

The Local Board's advocacy for initiatives to protect our Hauraki Gulf is excellent and I support it fully.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I agree with everything the plan includes. Housing is a big problem on the island and I would advocate for mixed housing, where old and young can live together and help each other out through their knowledge, experience, and time. Support and even subsidies for sustainable housing (water tanks, solar panels) would be great. A register for AirBnBs should be established which could lead to encouragement for these property owner to rent long term. A bed tax as considered by Auckland Council would certainly help here. Our open spaces and parks should be protected and definitely not used for housing as they contribute to people's wellbeing. I support plans to facilitate the conditions for Dark Sky status, again this can only be achieved through education. Waiheke is not Auckland, we don't need many street lights or a lot of outdoor lights on properties. Waiheke has enough helipads (more than LA I hear) and no new consents should be given, but I feel that is not in the Local

Board's power to decide.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I fully support the plans of the Waiheke Local Board. Businesses which disregard climate change, sustainability, and the special character of the Waiheke community should not be supported. For instance, I think car rentals on the island should provide fully electric cars.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I support everything in the local Board's plan. But there is still so much to do. I am an avid cyclist but do not dare to cycle on the island because of the fragmented cycle network. This must be a priority as well as proper footpaths on the often windy and narrow roads. A bit of outside-the-square thinking is necessary here. Footpaths do not always have to follow the road (nor do cycle ways) but can wind through other areas, parks, reserves or bush., e.g. the bridle path along Onetangi Strait and leading behind the cemetery and along the mangroves which many tourists don't find and therefore don't use. A footpath up Waiheke road can lead in parts in the reserve or even through the Forest and Bird reserve. Seaview Road is another difficult road for pedestrians to manage. Our bus systems has much improved but greater use of electric buses must be prioritised as well as the use of smaller buses on feeder routes (Palm Beach, Omaha, Belle Terrace).

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

Includes safety but not specific: On Onetangi road footpaths constructed to the on northern side and cycle tracks constructed on the southern side up against the boundary line of the golf course. Should be continuous from Erua to the Strand.

When the minister made the decision for the primary school to be on sea view road the education Department carried out its directive to construct footpath from main road to school. The Council has NOT fulfilled its obligation for a footpath from View road to school..

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The elderly/disabled, at minimal cost, long term parking at Matiatia, when they require medical services/hospital not available on the Island.

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The Queen's chain is not looked after and allows wind born seeds to invade other areas.

- 4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A residents card should be introduced for those living permanently on the Island. Not needed for those with holiday homes. They fill up with petrol in the city save about \$1.00/L.

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

See comments on safety

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**
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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

I don't know

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

More safer cycle paths and spaces for kids to get around. Better bus connections

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

I am happy to see the areas of focus and for the most part agree , however I would like to see more detail on the how, what and when

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to be pushing and supporting for a community swimming centre and activities for our rangitaha, where are the diverse opportunities to thrive? When reflecting on the statement around "A healthy and supportive society, where people feel there is care, respect and all people are valued" what are we doing for our elderly, what support is available for them in terms of island-based health centres, elder community housing? All too often I have witnessed our elder community having to move off the island, where many of them have spent the majority of their lives to get the support required for illness especially in the dementia space. I would love to see an aged home facility such as was Seaside Sanctuary back in the day.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

On the whole I agree with the objective, but how, what and when - there is no roadmap on how we are going to achieve these lofty goals.

Sustainably manage our wai. - What is meant by this objective?

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

If you could meet this objective, I think this would go a long way to supporting our local economy and community. If you are truly committed to Local Placemaking I would like to see A district plan that enables local placemaking by:

Encouraging development that reflects the character and culture of a neighbourhood.

Allows flexibility in design so developments can respond to local circumstances. Current rules are too restrictive and do not align with wider Auckland, whilst I do not want to lose the character of our beautiful motu, having lived, worked and raised a family here for over 50 years, I would like to have the flexibility to build a minor dwelling or subdivide my property and stay on the land I love while also enabling my children to get on the property ladder, but with the current district plan that is simply not possible, rules and regulations are forcing us out.

Promote walkability, cycling, and connections between community facilities.

Enables mixed-use areas where people can live, work, shop, and socialise.

Supports attractive public spaces such as parks, streetscapes, and town centres.

Involve local communities, mana whenua, and stakeholders in shaping how places develop

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Address the extortionate cost of getting to the island and that will have an immediate positive impact on our economic development.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

In the transport sector I would like to see our local board pushing for more support and alignment with Auckland city initiatives i.e. why do Fullers Ferry fares not qualify for the public transport capped fares. Most expensive ferry crossing in the world by distance! and the price hikes continue year on year. I also think that there needs to be some education pieces done around the roading network and the impact the new EV busses are having on a very fragile network. Our roads were built on "rotten rock" and cannot sustain the additional loadings they are being subjected to. We need more investment in our infrastructure

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

There is nothing specific in the plan to support our aging population. This really needs attention.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

I don't know

Tell us why

It's incredibly vague. Where is the detail?

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Can you please get some disabled parking at Kennedy point for people using the ferry, long term parking, not just 30 mins. This needs to be at the bottom of the hill, near the ferry terminal, not up a hill that is very difficult to navigate when disabled and handling luggage.

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

community resilience and transport are important issues for Waiheke Islanders

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Outdoor exercise equipment for adults and spaces where people can safely exercise. Lighting and toilets for the tennis club. Advocacy for large landowners to allow for public access to coastal tracks and connect walking and cycling trails, including on the eastern end of the island

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Support for small businesses and freelancers by supporting the coworking hub is important to me. This means that flex workers can remain on the island for office space, continue to frequent local retail and hospo business throughout the year and keep the island alive. We are not just an island for tourists but for people working in a variety of industries including creative industries.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I think there needs to be some work done around signage for cycling, especially for tourists on e-bikes. They are often not on the main road corridor cycle lanes, but find themselves on the windy feeder roads. Motorised road users should be made aware that they are sharing the roads with slower and active modes, including pedestrians, runners, horses, scooters etcetera and so everyone should adjust speeds.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Support events for cycling, including kids learning to ride safely.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?

Tell us why

2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

` Having a regular bus service on Waiheke is great, one of the reasons we chose to live on Waiheke.

current buses often don't wait after the ferry arrives, leaving the ferry terminal just as the ferry docks. many passengers therefore miss the bus.

Use smaller electric buses for the Rocky Bay route.

Currently, there are a number of bus trips to Rocky Bay with "not in service" displayed, with drivers changing shifts at Rocky Bay stop. Would be much more cost effective to have a hub at the Placemakers stop, with drivers changing shifts there rather than two buses going to Rocky Bay and changing shifts there.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Overall I support the objectives of the Board Plan. I have made comments where I believe more attention could be paid which is included in this feedback under the various sections.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Our local Board members are proactive in their collaboration and support of our Eastern End community association (Waiheke Eastern End Community Assn – WEeCA), which is appreciated, and I support the objectives and initiatives in the draft Annual Plan. However, there are several areas which could be addressed to enhance our resilience:

a) Maintain and repair the access roads to the eastern end. Waiheke Rd suffered a road slip more than 3 months ago – a red/green traffic light is managing the one lane access. We have a real concern if the slip progresses further, it will cut off all access to the eastern end community. This highlights the vulnerability of the Eastern End as the Waiheke, Orapiu, Cowes Bay, and Man-of-War roads are all key access roads and it would help us if there could be more attention paid to the maintenance and timely repair of these key roads.

b) Our community in the Eastern End is rural and many properties have steep, metalled driveways which poses a problem for emergency services. I support the Board's desire to have a resilient and connected community, but the Board needs to be aware that emergency service vehicles are sometimes not able to access properties in an emergency and in a timely way, which makes residents feel very vulnerable. The Board could advocate for the emergency services on Waiheke to have better and detailed knowledge of the access to individual properties to ensure they are able to access all properties when needed.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I support enhancing and protecting our natural environment, particularly in collaboration with community and volunteer groups who are capable and willing to contribute to the work needed.

I would encourage the Board to include a focus on the protecting the only Marine Reserve on the island at Te Matuku Bay. Currently access to the Marine Reserve is not easy for visitors or residents – improving access, possibly via the Stockyard Reserve, would be helpful to encourage enjoyment of and education about the marine reserve for both visitors and the island community. A jetty could assist paddle boarders and kayakers to access the water as navigating the mangroves is difficult. Motorboat and surf-ski users should be made aware of the sensitivity of the area, where the wash from speeding craft can disturb nesting shorebirds and disturb the mudflats, as well as being dangerous to kayakers and paddleboarders. The bay is recognized by the Department of Conservation as a sensitive and significant ecological area and it is concerning that a landfill is proposed near the wetland at head of bay, which feeds the Marine Reserve.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I support the initiatives around park and ride but I would encourage the Board to consider the provision of public transport at the eastern end. The Orapiu ferry service no longer comes to the eastern end. Consultation with the community about a sustainable public transport service which could include park and ride facilities. Also consider advocacy for the restoration of ferry services to Orapiu.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A roundabout at the intersection of Eden Terrace/ Seaview Rd/ Onetangi Rd - this will make it safer for pedestrians moving across the roads to and from the bus stop, between the four square and petrol station etc It will appropriately slow the traffic and help with the movement of vehicles

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

We need to make sure that all are equal we are New Zealanders

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We are one nation ofcourse we partner with Maori but also every other contributor to our community this is 2026

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We are being guided by advice and doing what we can and all residents are trying their best to do this no matter where they originated from

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Why are sustainable homes and maori culture and environment in the same question.
Everyone should be entitled to sustainable homes

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We advertise and promote arts and artists on Waiheke

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Ferry costs are too high and should be part of Auckland Transport

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

We are all New Zealanders and outcomes should be for all it is very sad that Maori outcomes and aspirations are separate.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

Your decisions do not seem to consider all residents and locals of Waiheke

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

All children and youth, our community, arts and health should be valued why is maori wellbeing separate we should be looking after the wellbeing of all

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

That is a priority so after reading reports in local media it is being addressed by all residents

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Why are sustainable homes anything to do with Maori culture the arts and history. This makes no sense

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The arts are advertised and supported by funding

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Ferries should be part of AT

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Please plan for the future of all Waiheke residents we are all important please unite us and do not treat us differently. We voted as residents of Waiheke and New Zealanders and not defined by where we were born.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Providing lights at the skatepark extends the usability, safety and cleanliness of one of the islands best loved facilities. Catering to a huge range of age groups, socioeconomic backgrounds and activities, skate parks provide a true “third space” - largely self governing and supportive of social development of all users. Lights would keep antisocial behaviour to a minimum while ensuring that users can enjoy its intended activity after work and school. NB users are often different from organised sports participants- usually less inclined to engage and speak up as a group.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Couple footpaths here and there

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Offer contracts for island work to island based contractors first. Having worked in the conservation space for a number of years I’m often surprised by how many large companies have Waiheke as a small part of their operations when it could provide livelihoods here



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Agree with the suggestion of all-age outdoor fitness equipment in local reserves / parks.

Request Mary Wilson Reserve in Omiha is a priority.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Implement criteria that require Oneroa businesses to promote Dark Sky philosophy and reduce night-time signage lighting to lower levels for migratory and fledging seabirds.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Increase road berm mowing and maintenance along medium and minor roads that have no formalised footpaths for pedestrian safety.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Balanced view of economic prosperity and environmental concern

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

My concern is that 2 of the primary objectives focus on Māori. To be clear I have no problem with enhancing the community and Māori people are valued. However it should say all Waiheke people no matter their origins.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Once again positioning Māori views or actions above those of the rest of us. Again this fosters a them and us position. Shouldn't we want to enhance the built environment and celebrate the diverse nature of all on Waiheke?

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I have read about the proposed bus changes particularly as they impact Rocky Bay. I fully understand the requirement to offer smaller buses for Rocky Bay, but to then say that you will reduce the service frequency is not acceptable. Given the demographics of Omiha/ Rocky Bay (Age, economic situation, remoteness (by this I mean no shops or services within walking distance) this should be an area which is well served by public transport and yet your proposal is to reduce service. To me this makes no sense. An idea would be to utilise a hub and spoke system (as we do for regional airlines). Smaller buses to service areas which then link up to a hub in Ostend (placemakers area) which then carry's people along the main route.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

My only comment is lets focus and celebrate all Waiheke peoples, not promote the history or future outcomes based on race.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

I agree with the guiding principles to centre nature, environment and Māori outcomes and community

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

In light of recent challenging deaths on the island, the importance of community is highlighted and I feel strengthening connection between local iwi and other aspects of community is key part of building community here.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The living world and environment have a right to be preserved for its own sake, not just if we humans find it valuable. Waiheke is all about harbouring a healthy eco system at all levels. If Waiheke continues to deplete, overfish and overbuild all of us have lost what we most love about being here.

Please make the whole of Waiheke a marine reserve! Imagine, it would be amazing. Putting it out there as my dream to the local board.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I don't know how much say local board has with the consent decisions make by council and even the environment court, but it does seem often if folks have enough money they can get anything consented - chop all the trees on a slide prone hillside, cut a hill in half, build a house practically on the beach.....I would love to see much more consideration of future environmental effects when these consents are granted.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

One thing, when Obee's put that terrible signage up in Oneroa, made many people realise that some sort of congruence with business signage would be great.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Maybe a side question - is it possible to get fullers to funnel their long-waiting summer ques across the wharf to Island Direct? Many tourists don't seem to realise that Island Direct has boats right there that could take them to Auckland.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Well done local board!



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

Clear goals overall.

Maybe there could be a "how we will know that we are moving to achieve or have achieved" section?

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I very much agree that it is important to maintain Waiheke's unique identity and create more diversity so we are not so dependent on tourism. Support for the wide diversity of artistic and creative activities on the island should first of all benefit the residents, and secondly the tourists (this will also ensure we don't lose our island identity to commercial interests, which ultimately tend to kill the golden goose).

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Maybe that could be another vision for Waiheke: A first in NZ (if not the World) in reshaping transport away from the emphasis on cars to public and shared transport, bikes, walking. Visitors to the island cannot bring a car; flexible shuttle services (the buses are far too big for many of the side roads) for elderly and disabled and visitors.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Good plan - and it seems very much what I have read before.....



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The Local Board has good communications with Waiheke residents and shows that it is listening. However, even though the plan includes the three considerations that should be part of all decisions, the structure of the plan makes it difficult to prioritise those issues, because they span across different sections. For example, electrification of transport and homes is one of those issues that is important for climate action, the environment, community and economic development

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Recognise that people are under economic pressure - there needs to be support for reducing costs, such as through solar energy, and to reduce high rental costs.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It would be good to set some goals such as to protect and restore all of Waiheke's wetland, improve management of all streams and significantly reduce the

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There should be clearer aims around the electrification of homes on Waiheke, including the widespread adoption of solar power.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

In addition to arts, Waiheke should also be recognised as an environmental destination for the quality of its marine and terrestrial environment.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There needs to be a stronger focus on sustainability of the transport sector with goals to electrify ferries and road transport and significantly reduce the flights of helicopters for non-medical purposes.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

There will need to be additional funding for climate solutions, including the widespread adoption of rooftop solar.



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

I don't know

Tell us why

Vehicles are too big and damaging for our roads we need smaller buses/vehicles that operate around the smaller roads giving easier access to public transport for everyone reduce the need for so many cars on our roads especially summer & better cycle ways for safety & to encourage other more passive forms of transport. Tourism is good but I feel needs better management I support a slow town.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Adult playgrounds based on fun!

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Smaller buses covering more roads to reduce the need for us to use our cars.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

I don't know

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.***

Waiheke Primary School should have a safe footpath connection from all feeder roads within 1.5kms so tamariki can hīkoi to Kura safely, specifically Erua Rd where a lot of WPS whanau live.

There should be more affordable opportunities for Rangatahi to spend their spare time. Other cultures should be celebrated - Pasifika Festival this year was awesome!



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Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It is a difficult task to carry out these tjhings given the intipathy and obstruction from the government

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Difficult given that so much of our rates goes off-island to Auckland

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Changing the short term rental rules

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

The New board members are all interested in the best for Waiheke.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

While Ngati Poao claim tangata whenua status it's as bad as colonization. Actually worse when they invaded from the waikato they attacked the Te Arawa descendants of Tama Te Kapua. The Ngati Huarere. Killed and ate the dead enslaved the survivors. They were then attacked and defeated. But Ngati Whatua gave them permission grow food gardens on Waiheke but on condition they never lived there or created shelters. But they squatted and claimed in Maori land court they were living here so we're given the land. I am a descendant of Tama Te Kapua Chief of the Te Arawa Waka that landed here in 1350, and Tama was a descendant of Toi the Navigator. But I contacted with Son of Tama te Kapua Kahu. As in Okahu Bay in Auckland and Putiki oKahu and Okahuiti on Waiheke. But also connected to Ngatoroirangi the Tohunga and Navigator on Te Arawa. Piritahi marae was built as a pan tribal Marae. Not one iwi. Our Argentinian residents are a huge part of the marae. So we need to treat all Maori with equal respect not just one iwi.

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to target all weeds long before they set seeds. Before or while in Flower. Encouraging people to collect Mothplant pods then Dumping hundreds of black plastic bags of pods in landfills is not good. i split open pods and only bag the Brown Black seeds. green or yellow are immature and once exposed to sunlight and air they don't mature. i bag brown seeds in bread bags. No skins of pods or Air in pods to fill black plastic sacks. All weeds need to be targeted long before they have seeds developing.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Waiheke has plenty of housing but a large number are Bookabach or Air bnb. Temp accommodation. So working people sometimes have to commute from Auckland to work here.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

AT need to look at the population on island. The 501 bus to Kennedy Point Vehicle and passenger ferry doesn't run to that ferry timetable. It services the Fullers ferry at Matiatia. With hardly any passenger from the Kennedy Point bus stop..the 501 needs to do a loop around Ostend. It could go up the back route on Wharf rd to Belgium st Supermarket stop. and people could get a bus from any location to catch that bus in Ostend or the Donald Bruce rd stops by roundabout..the empty Not in service buses could do a loop around that area taking people to/from Belgium st in both directions.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Remember all Maori not just the invading Waikato tribe of Ngati Poao.. Piritahi marae was build for everyone. Not one Tribe or Iwi..Argentinian people are a group who are a major part of the local marae.One was even a carver involved with the early start of marae. I don't consider a tribe that invaded from the Waikato and Anialated the original Te Arawa Ngati Huarere inhabitants to be called Tangata whenua. Many don't even live here.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

I think the local board have listened and taken on what the community has expressed and have a well rounded draft plan.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would like to see the auckland council incentives for home owners to upgrade inadequate septic systems. Living in such a sensitive landscape with coastal and natural water ways highlights to necessity to put focus our we treat and dispose of our wastewater here on

Waiheke. I believe this is the most effective environmental impact we can make.. A proactive approach rather than reactive is what is needed.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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