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Other

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We oppose this rates rise for many reasons. Rodney is a mainly rural district with no rail service so this rate increase seems unfair. For those residents in far north of Rodney there is no equitable return. CRL will deliver huge benefits to all south, east and west Auckland residents with more efficient travel, and even many residents benefit with ferry services.

Whilst the trains in Auckland city are very handy for those that reside in the city, how and where are we supposed to use them? There are no rail stations anywhere in Rodney and no trains!

Public transport at best is ineffective, spasmodic and not out side our road. To be able to catch a bus we have to drive to Wellsford, Warkworth or Silverdale? Buses are basic, infrequent and for which we already pay a targeted rate. We can see no benefit for Rodney residents at all.

To get to the city by car Rodney residents on the east coast have to pay a road toll on state highway one. Most Rodney residents have to depend on private vehicles.

We have no street lighting, foot paths and majority of Rodney roads are metal, many in poor condition. In reality we get little back for our rates so this increase seems unfair as yet again we will derive no benefit. If Rodney residents are required to contribute to a project they should expect some benefits.

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Many people are struggling financially, and as a result of that have lost their home. I'm retired and do not want to lose my home as a result of CRL nor due to the council overspending. I believe the council is top heavy, which put a financial strain on ratepayers.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not agree with the rural septic tank scheme, like at Bethels, Huia etc. You've cut small businesses out and taken control. People should be able to have a choice. Auckland Transport parking fees do not need to go up. Taking away the parking in downtown, corner Custom Street with Lower Hobson Street, is a huge loss for all Aucklanders. Upper Harbour drive, doesn't allow for street parking, according to it has increased their road toll /deaths.

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I do not agree with the proposed cycling lane at Highway 16. If we go ahead with the motorway we don't need a cycling way by a busy highway, breathing in the car fumes and car noises. I do not agree with the proposed toilet block in Kumeu by the plunket. It was nicely painted and done up. If the toilets become dual female/male it will be disgusting. As i've seen at Mokau and Perongia and other toilets around the country. South Head Road - a consultation of $300,00 is insane. No speed bumps, leave the speed as it is.

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Reducing flood risks is overboard, not reality. I like to see storm water pipes which do need replacement to be replaced, just common sense. Footpaths only, some of the North shore footpaths esp by North Shore Hospital are dangerous. Very uneven. I fractured my ankle as a result of the

damaged footpath at Northcote Road by the petrol station. I would love a footpath at Ararimu Valley Road.

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Support all

Tell us why

· I am very glad that we are so close to finishing the City Rail Link. A 7.9% increase in rates is entirely acceptable, to get it done and in use.

· I grew up in Titirangi from 1946 and daily used the train to commute from the New Lynn Station to what was the Auckland Central Station daily, to attend what was then Auckland University College, in the late 1950s.

· All methods of avoiding use of fossil fuels have become essential; increasingly obvious this week. I became convinced of this need to avoid overconsumption when in 1972 I read The Limits to Growth, a Club of Rome initiative: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Limits_to_Growth — lead by Donella Meadows.

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Support most

Tell us why

· I live fulltime on Kawau Island, in the granny-flat under my daughter and son-in-law's house overlooking Stockyard Bay (from where I went sea-kayaking earlier this morning).

· We have no roads and therefore no reticulation, ambulance service, or truck-supplied service. This has been recognised by Auckland Council, partly because of representations on our behalf by at least one member of the Rodney Board.

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· Public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around.

· Many reasons, including health — I at 89yo do a lot of walking through our hills — but basically the human species has a responsibility to leave the earth a better place than each of us found it, and the overconsumption by the richest 20% is now clearly gone way too far; the Ecological Footprint https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecological_footprint — is a measure of by how much.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

While I agree with the overall direction of priorities, they need to be applied appropriately more in line with user pays. Rodney residents (who were already disproportionately impacted by last years rates increases - in my case 30%) are now needing to pay for a number of central centre initiatives. For instance the CRL and water quality (I am on tank water and already pay $6-800 pa to be Auckland Council compliant on top of rates). Happy with contributions to sewage to see issues in Wellsford and Warkworth addressed. Also the Local Board allocations while a step in the right

direction are biased on population and deprivation, counting against size in a region (Rodney) that has high fixed costs because of size (reading & infrastructure).

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

All of these are fair user pays charges. Rodney has experienced that with targeted transport, BID charges and introduction of refuse fees (increased cost for light users in many instances).

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Given allocation against geographical size this is a pragmatic approach but does not address the deprivation of services that are apparent in parts of the community due to rapid increases in population and age structures (aging populations). This will need to be addressed in the short term.

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Justification of an increase based on the CRL alone is a slap in the face for a rural area that experienced unexpected and unsignalled increases well beyond average in 2025/26. The CRL does nothing to help rural residents such as myself that need to drive 5.5km to catch a bus (when it drives past our road of 100+residents with no stop), then requires a 30 minute connection change at Hibiscus Coast Interchange and does not operate after 7.30pm. And why has all the AT cycle lane

funding gone to the CBD when this could have been an economic development driver (tourism) and alternative option for consumers/school children between coastal communities.

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

Please remember Auckland in more than the CBD for events. Let the hotels, direct benefactors for concerts & events, contribute fairly not just the general ratepayers. Tataki Auckland Unlimited also need to recognise the regions in Promotions, events and support.

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

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Other

Tell us why

To ensure fairness across Rodney, the fairer funding model needs to be allocated at a subdivision level for the Rodney Local Board due to its geographical size. Currently, the Dairy Flat subdivision does not receive the same funding as the other Rodney Local Board subdivisions. This needs to be mandated by the Governing body.'

Under the Rodney Local Board section, you could request all weather pathways to be completed at Green Road Park, nature play, playing fields for Milldale, Funding for Pest Free Coatesville and Dairy Flat, a fenced off-leash dog park at Green Road, etc.

The properties purchased on Blackbridge road due to flooding need to be cleaned up and frontage to the road brought up to standard- scruffy!

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Other (please specify):I go into the city for the daytime vibe in K road and art galleries. Vibrant not due to planning or top down design but because it had cultural diversity and low cost shops that encouraged diversity.

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

Sports facilities in the Wellsford area. In particular, the athletics fields at Centennial Park:

- toilets need renewing

- there is no drinking water

- long jump pits need renewing - more sand, covers (the grounds adjoin the dog walking park)

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed rates increase as it is driven largely by the costs associated with the CRL.

As a retiree in the Rodney area who will not use the CRL and where we have already had a significant rates increase I do not, support the proposed rates increase as set out in the annual plan 2026/2027.

If any rates charges for the CRL are to proceed I would suggest they not be charged per household based on property values but on the Uniform Annual General Charge.

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Rodney

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Support most

Tell us why

Any funding or works to be controlled and managed by the Rodney Local board would be welcome

Question 4: Other feedback

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Infrastructure is important . Well planned works that cater for long term security and benefits for all people.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

As the Most Neglected Part Of Auckland We need More Funding on Infrastructure

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Riverhead Kumeu Huapia Need Urgent Infrastructure Now as Development out of control

Transport Highway 16 Gridlocked nearly every day Urgent Attention Needed NOW

lack of Common Sense Speed rules need to GET Speed back to what were before 80 km on highways not this crazy 60 km and most side roads left at 80 km

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Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Not community friendly

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Offering nothing for the north. Always West and South.

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I object to the 7.9% rates increase. I don't use public transport either buses or trains so I don't see why my rates should be used for public transport. The rates from the West, Central and the South should be used for public transport. We don't have the services up north.

I would prefer for the rates to be used for roading. Too many unsealed roads and unsafe roads.

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I completely reject a rates rise of 7.9% - astronomical at a time like this, and all for a rail link completely useless to ratepayers who don't live or work in the CBD.

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Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

Have had little or no info on any plan. Just the 7.9% rates increase!!

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to fees and charges?

A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.

Do not support

B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Do not support

C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.

Support

D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Do not support

E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.

Support

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

4 - Why? Hibiscus and Bays can be inclusive and welcoming without spending shitloads of money on 'design' - hey remind us now much the rates increase is again? Oh yeah, 7.9%!

Question 4: Other feedback

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7.9% rates increase - completely unacceptable.

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

Support most

Tell us why

As Auckland grows, it is necessary to invest in critical infrastructure, focus on improving transport is welcome.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

As a resident in Silverdale, we have been subjected to rates increases double the average rate increase in comparison to increases in other areas. Silverdale has grown phenomenally yet capital investment for improvement of traffic flow and other critical infrastructure has been totally absent. It seems that the abnormally high rate increases in our area is funding capital investment everywhere else but the area that we live in. It is unfair for us to absorb unsustainably high increases year on year and see very little improvement in the quality of life in the suburb. Traffic is a nightmare, kerbs and common areas are maintained too infrequently, they look unkempt and untidy for far too long.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Much of the spend is directed to maintenance of less important priorities in our area. We need investment to cater for the exponential growth of the area through investing in roads to ease congestion and traffic flow, additional bus parking, these are the value adds we need, there are adequate playgrounds, sports facilities, leisure areas that need little to no development. Investment and priorities are totally misdirected.

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Need to look at trimming Operational expenditure and focus on Capital investment, these are the things that matter at the moment, when key challenges facing movement, access to public transport are addressed, investment into recreational and leisure can be addressed.

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Road and Traffic management

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

Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Our rates are too high and will end up selling our property due to the inability to keep paying rates and insurance. Lat rates hike was 36% in North Rodney rural way out of line ,

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Being in a rural srea waste bins were imposed without consultation! We had put out 1 bag per month before the bins were introduced. Now we have a large truck coming every week for 1/4 full bin on a gravel road causing damage and pollution. People in Council have very little commmon sense!

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Keeping core services and not getting into anything else

Question 6: City centre

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Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the increase in rates for us being driven by the City Rail link as it has no benefit to us in Rodney. These supposed benefits are projections that are notoriously inaccurate. Are the benefits significantly broad, certain and equitably apportioned across the city based on any logic? We think not.

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The councils desire for increased density and allowance of buildings with no parking has led to a huge increase in residents having to park on the street. To then charge them for the privilege due to councils poor planning choices shifts the blame and the cost from where they should be borne to the general populace who had no input into those decisions being made.

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

The Rodney board generally does a pretty good job of looking at the needs of the community.

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At a time when we are facing sustained cost of living increases further increases in rates that do not provide a direct or tangible benefit to all ratepayers are difficult to justify and to accept. I would urge the council to reconsider where the benefits of the CRL actually fall and place a greater emphasis on equity and affordability.

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Take care of the wastewater in Warkworth and stop the flow of raw sewerage into the river. Stop patching roads with chip seal which damages vehicles and returns to its previous condition in no time at all. Fix the roads properly with bitumen that doesn't throw stones and break windscreens and damage paint work on vehicles.

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

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Tell us why

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They are absolutely on use to us and a waste of money

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Tell us why

I cannot find pg 1 -16 of "supporting information" . The local board spend time and money looking to how they can spend the money they get. Recently we had a visit from Claire Walker from Walker Landscapes to discuss landscaping projects for our community - Snells Beach. This looks like a complete waste of money.

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Collect my food waste in Snells Beach. Scrutinize expenditure closely and eliminate money wasting projects

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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Rodney

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Support most

Tell us why

But disappointed in nothing major being supported for the Helensville/ South Head regions.

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The reading and connection from Norwest is hideous not just during weekday peak times but all weekend round. With poor public transport available the private transport being the only option. Approved subdivisions and further growth to the area continues yet the inferstructure to the zone remains unchanged. 20 year plan for a bypass isn't sustainable to the area.

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both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):No longer visit the city due to transport issues from Norwest.

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#4615

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Local Board: Rodney

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

Support all

Tell us why

I feel the priorities have been selected well.

I agree with the prioritization and funding put towards projects under the key focus areas:

- Transport
- Water

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

I will always support more funding towards community and especially the Environment.

I like the focus on supporting the CRL to meet its potential and provide the funding needed for it to be successful both in project delivery and maintenance into the future.

I support the Eastern busway project, more frequent buses are needed in west Auckland too however I really would like the train network to come to Kumeu I feel this is a gap and needs to be a future prioitised project this area of Auckland is significantly growing.

I like the project to plan for a more compact city I feel this could be considered for other part of Auckland in the future additionally.

Support funding going towards Māori Outcomes, community, environment & built and cultural aspects.

I feel we could fund our compliance part of council better, this could be an a higher priority for local board funding I believe and suggest a targeted rate fund, especially as safety in local areas and our city is becoming an increasingly significant issue.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am supportive of the fee increases associated with:

Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee

Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas

Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

I feel the funding towards the Environment could be prioritized higher and receive more funding, biodiversity is still fairly high in Rodney and more should be done to protect biodiversity in this area, it holds significant amount of indigenous fairly intact ecosystems and homes to native species of Tamaki Makaurau.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

The Environment, people will also use more of wider Auckland areas/facilities if public transport is improved - by upgrading busses & other transport facilities and running more frequent travel runs, and improving and supporting our local centers. (West Auckland travel infrastructure needs significant improvement in particular).

Also improving local town centers and safety of these areas such as putting more funding also towards compliance team at council improves these areas significantly.

Question 6: City centre

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city

centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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

Support most

Tell us why

It's impossible to comprehend all the details when it is (necessarily) condensed into this document, but there is little choice about most of the business.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

They're generic enough to seem reasonable, and I have to rely on the members to make the best decisions about priorities and what might be missing from the list.

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On an admitedly skim read, I can not find how much the users are expected to pay towards the operating costs of the CRL. This information would have, presumably, helped my acceptance of my 8.7% increase. I support the environmental goals of the CRL and that we are part of a wider region, but as a Rodney resident, I find it hard to accept that I should pay the same contribution as an inner-city user.

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

It is incredibly unfair to increase the rates of residence in Rodney, 'mostly to fund the new City Rail Link' - especially considering that Rodney has very poor public transport, appalling water supply, and a failing sewage and waste water infrastructure that is not keeping up with the expansion and development potential of this district. Our rates should go towards maintaining and improving the infrastrucure of Rodney.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We need an aggressive programme to encourage and support households to diminish their household refuse - not a flat-rate increase that everyone must pay. Households should be incentivised to do their own composting and waste sorting/recycling, locally. Being automatically charged a set fee, is the opposite of what we should be doing, especially as we still haven't got a solution for the next Auckland (North) Tip location, which quite obviously should never be set up in the Dome.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

The info I have seen seems very general and thin - no major proactive projects to address the important issues of basic accessibilty and inclusion for all council-owned venues and council-led initiatives. So many citizens and ratepayers are simply being excluded from fully participating in community life, because these fundamental issues are not being addressed.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

I would like to see an even share of Community Grants available for Rodney - the forgotten district. At the moment, all other Auckland districts have 2 - 3 grants available, yet Rodney has none? Rodney is also the largest region, and with that comes more expenses for transportation to get anywhere. Yet we still don't have our own Leisure Centre. Warkworth doesn't even have a Community Centre, and the local library is sub-standard. These are vital connection spaces and this is what I would like my rates to contribute to.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Wellsford Memorial Park - Our Town: Our History: Our People

This park needs to be developed for our town. The field needs drainage to be a more usable facility. A walking track around the park with the possible inclusion of fitness equipment (like Orewa currently has). We need some shade areas particularly over the skatepark and some picnic facilities. The reinstatement of the Memorial Stone Arch (or an arch of another construction) is needed as well as a cenotaph. The access from Rodney Street needs improving and making it so the park is clearly visible to the public. The Council needs to budget for this area and the things needed in it in its budget.

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

As a rural ratepayer I object to my rates increasing for The City Rail Link. We have no public transport and never go anywhere near Auckland City. The city rail link should not be paid for by rural communities with no public transport. Why should we be paying for something that is not relevant to our area and cannot be used by us

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

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Support most

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

We as a community get no benefit from the City Rail project.

I oppose my rates being increased for a service that has no relevance.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Again, rates are

Going up to cover projects that aren't directly involved with our area.

Rodney covers a huge area.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rodney covers a huge area and the plans aren't broken down to explain specific suburbs.

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

I feel the priorities have been selected well.

I agree with the prioritization and funding put towards projects under the key focus areas:

- Transport
- Water

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

I will always support more funding towards community and especially the Environment.

I like the focus on supporting the CRL to meet its potential and provide the funding needed for it to be successful both in project delivery and maintenance into the future.

I support the Eastern busway project; more frequent buses are needed in west Auckland too however I really would like the train network to come to Kumeu I feel this is a gap and needs to be a future prioritised project this area of Auckland is significantly growing.

I like the project to plan for a more compact city I feel this could be considered for other part of Auckland in the future additionally.

Support funding going towards Māori Outcomes, community, environment & built and cultural aspects.

I feel we could fund our compliance team better, this could be an a higher priority for local board funding I believe and suggest a targeted rate fund, especially as safety in local areas and our city is becoming an increasingly significant issue.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am supportive of the fee increases associated with:

Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee

Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas

Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme

An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I feel the funding towards the Environment could be prioritized higher and receive more funding, biodiversity is still fairly high in Rodney and more should be done to protect biodiversity in this area, it holds significant amount of indigenous fairly intact ecosystems and homes to native species of Tamaki Makaurau.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4638

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

As most of the increase i related to the CRL, we in the northwest do not benefit from this a the train do not go close to our area

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Good to keep local amenities open a we don't have many

Question 4: Other feedback

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Planning & infrastructure is important especially in our area - we need infrastructure completed before new subdivision and people are added..

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businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4681

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Do not support most

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4685

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Friends of Green Road Park, incorporated as the Green Road Park Supporters Inc

Local Board: Rodney

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N/A

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Could you please allocate funding to Green Road Park in Dairy Flat to include the following: mulching of privet cut down by the Friends of Green Road Park at their monthly working bee, completion of the all-weather pathway network from the carpark so that it can be used by all ages, and allocating funding to nature play. Install stiles along the fence boundary near the stream so that it is not too difficult for volunteers at working bees to climb over, and allocate funding to start the Avenue of Trees, which will be a feature of the park in decades to come. The Friends group are currently trying to fundraise for trees, but, as Green Road is still a working farm, the tree protectors are more expensive than the actual trees. Also, could we please start planning for a section of the park to be off-leash, similar to the Groynes in Christchurch and the Auckland Botanic Gardens?

Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4691

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Can't believe a word you day after the last rates increase.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Can’t believe anything you say.

Not sorry that I have this attitude.

You should all be fired.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Can’t believe anything.

Question 4: Other feedback

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You and your mayor are a bunch of liars.

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Replace the leadership and planners.

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

Other (please specify):Provide cheaper parking for people working in the city

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4699

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Maori engagement

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4706

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4728

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Blackbridge Environmental Protection Society Incorporated.

Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

N/A

Tell us why

N/A

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Could you please include funding for riparian and wetland planting for the storm recovery properties on Blackbridge Road that are adjacent to the one-lane bridge (i.e., 146 & 136 Blackbridge Road). These properties provide a buffer zone between rural and future urban zones and form part of the Greenways plan for Dairy Flat. Could you also please allocate funding for pest control at the storm-recovery properties along Blackbridge Road, as these are becoming havens for rats and possums. Also, the gravel pathway at the top of Blackbridge Road and Dairy Flat Highway is now overgrown. This was used by schoolchildren catching the bus and is opposite the parking at the top of Blackbridge Road. If this could please be regraveled, otherwise school kids have to walk on the road. Privet along the berms on the future urban properties on Dairy Flat Highway and Blackbridge Road is also becoming a real problem. If funding could be allocated to clear these pest plants, it would be a massive uplift to the area.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Question 6: City centre

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

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Do not support any

Tell us why

I think The City Rail Link is a service of no relevance to rural rate payers in Helensville/ Parakai/ South head so i do not think we should have to pay for something that we will probably never use. Would rather see our money go towards rail to Helensville so people can get to Auckland. And also the rate are unaffordable to most households. Time the council learnt how to so wasting money on nice to haves

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

why would you go to Auckland is you didn;t live there. Idiots run the council and don't listen to the ratepayers

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support any

Tell us why

The local board do not listen to the ratepayers. We get trees that we don;t need yet footpaths are in terrible condition and our money is wasted on nice to do things that we can do without.

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

Support most

Tell us why

support the investment in Transport and Water but feel that Local Boards are an epic waste of time and money. Surely our Ward Councilors can be supported to achieve all that Local Board do.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I understand that rate increases were consulted on as part of the Long term Plan but these increases cannot continue at this level. Something needs to be done to reduce the scope of Local Government responsibilities in order to reduce the operational costs.

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Support most

Tell us why

I feel that the priorities have been well canvassed and the community supports them but that said there is way too much consultation and not enough execution. Surely having elected representatives to act on our behalf, we can simply let them get on with it.

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

1. Maintain the assets we already have. Building new assets must be secondary

2. Focus any new investment on improvements in productivity. All else is optional.

3. Reduce or eliminate anything related to the Climate Crisis, this has been debunked.

4. Make Public Transport more available, reliable and frequent

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I am a Rodney area resident who does not live in Wellsford or Warkworth. There is very little proposed that will benefit me.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Sewerage and water schemes should be paid for solely by the users, not by general rates.

In Rodney (coastal) we have been hit unfairly with rates increases and should have targeted relief, especially as we will have very little benefit from the CRL.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

RLB is underfunded. Funds should be allocated in proportion to rates harvested from each LB area.

Question 4: Other feedback

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More sealing of metalled roads; rural road maintenance and drainage improvements please.

Felling and eradication of noxious weeds on council roadsides would be a good thing, plus fixing Hill St intersection, plus funding new cycling and walking trails benefits locals, tourists, and JAFA's.

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Beach front reserves.

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Agree with the changes to the Waitakere Rural Sewerage Scheme since all rural wastewater systems now receive inspections which we pay for individually and these reports get sent to council to follow up on any issues, we had our inspection last year and i agree with this new inspection process across the region to make sure all septic systems are compliant. I never understood why the Waitakere residents had a special program for their septics since other areas also have onsite systems. I think everyone should be on an even playing field now that there is an auckland wide septic program and everyone pays the one fee for their inspections.

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rodney is such a large area with lots of small communities but we never seem to receive an equal amount of funding compared to other areas, even comparable rural local board areas in south auckland. The only major project planned for 2026/2027 is the water treatment plant in Wellsford? I agree with investments in community hub, halls and libraries etc since rural communities rely on those especially during emergency events. Also agree with rural roads weed control and maintenance. I really don't understand the water quality targeted rate at all - large amounts of money which apparently includes stream restoration and catchment plans for local waterways - we have waterways on our property including a significant stream and flooding issues but we as landowners look after it, spend our own money on planting and any restoration, maintenance and any other work required, as well as ensuring water quality is maintained, the same applies to the surrounding farms. What exactly is the council doing to enhance water quality and what streams are being restored?? These projects are likely on public land, so a very small proportion of waterways and very little improvements assists the private landowner. The same for flood controls - we've never received any assistance or information from council to assist with flooding and were told its our problem to resolve since the waterways run through public land. So why does the water quality targeted rate increases each year? The same applies to Biodiversity/Natural Environment/pest plants and animals - rural landowners do all this ourselves with our own money. We have lots of plants which we struggle to maintain and its an ongoing battle. our neighbours have

a gorse problem, deer wild pigs with no control since the property has an absentee-owner, so how is our increased rural rates assisting with these biodiversity issues?

Question 4: Other feedback

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Why have rural rates increased so much to support projects which benefit projects which mainly focus and benefit those who live within the urban limits? Our Rodney listed key projects are the same ones listed year after year (cut and pasted!) and we really don't see much benefit from most other than maintenance of community hubs and buildings, toilets and reserves and parks. The water quality targeted rate seems to be a waste of money to basically ensure a large amount of council staff are kept employed to work on "feel good" tasks which are of no benefit to rural ratepayers.

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Transport - please!! Its getting beyond ridiculous, especially SH16 through Kumeu and Helensville with no progress or plans in place for improvements. All other areas are miles ahead with transport improvements, its easy to travel into the CBD from Pukekohe or Warkworth now, but not from Helensville, nothing has changed for us out here in 20 years!

Flooding issues for rural communities - there have been no improvements here either - I realise there are priority areas in the city which are underway, but we are on our own to manage flooding in rural areas with no support from the council except better identification of overland flow paths and flood plains, which we were already aware of!

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I don't know

Tell us why

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

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Papamoa Cenotaph

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I support the upgrade of the main grass area.

I want this park to be user friendly and available for all the community. Tauranga City council installed a walking path all the way around the perimeter of their Memorial Park. This can be used for "Stations of History" or displays of significance to the community. This path should start at the boundary entrance to number 23 Port Albert Road, go towards the Skate Park and around to the Albertland Heritage Centre (Past the trees along State highway 1 and the Helo pad). I support the installation of a pathway around the whole park.

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The Helo pad also needs a re-paint ☑

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Name: Signature: Date:

AUCKLAND COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2026/2027 #5023 HAVE YOUR SAY

Attachment to AK Have Your Say

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Port Albert



"Our People - Our Town - Our History"





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Name: [redacted] Signature: [redacted] Date: 26/3/26

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#5065

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We represent the disabled community in Rodney, who already face challenges related to poverty and transport barriers. Further fee increases seem horribly unfair.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

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Tell us why

We would like to see inclusion + accessibility at the fore front of all proposed plans.

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All Auckland Districts except for Rodney, offer a range of annual community grants that community groups can apply for.

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RODNEY INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

28 March 2026

Our views on the proposed Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027

RICI appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on current and future planning for Auckland, specifically for the Rodney Local Board area. Our focus is on Council's responsibilities related to: ***Local parks, community and recreation services*** – *local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives.*

At present, it is concerning that accessibility and inclusion do not appear to be clearly prioritised within existing plans. This is particularly surprising given that these issues have been raised consistently over many years by local voices and community organisations such as RICI. This submission seeks to highlight the urgent need for a stronger, more deliberate focus on accessibility and inclusiveness across all Council-led initiatives.

The following points raised, refer specifically to the Rodney Local Board (RLB).

We urge the RLB to recognise accessibility and inclusion as core responsibilities, requiring dedicated strategic direction, resourcing, and accountability.

We respectfully request clarification on the following:

- What specific, measurable actions are planned to address known accessibility barriers in Rodney?
- How will feedback and data collected through community engagement be translated into tangible outcomes?
- What mechanisms will be put in place to ensure transparency and accountability in delivering these improvements?

We are all just temporarily abled.

It is important to emphasize that accessibility barriers affect a significant and growing proportion of Rodney's population - not only disabled people and their families, but also older adults, and young families.

Many older residents are relocating to Rodney from central Auckland in search of affordability and a more sustainable lifestyle. However, without accessible infrastructure and services, these individuals risk increased isolation and reduced quality of life.

Similarly, young families with small children require accessible environments, such as pram-friendly community facilities, to fully participate in community life.

To address these challenges, we strongly encourage the RLB to prioritise the following outcomes:

1. **Accessible Council Facilities**

Council-owned and operated buildings must be fully accessible.

1.1 Offering free or subsidised community spaces is of limited value if they cannot be used by all members of the community. The Warkworth township in particular - despite the rapid growth in this area - still has *no community centre, no art centre, and only a very small, sub-standard community library facility.*

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2. **Accessible Recreation Opportunities**

Public spaces, including beaches and parks, must be designed and maintained to be inclusive for all members of the community.

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2.4 Rodney - particularly Rodney East - *still has no community swimming pool.* Water therapy and access to indoor swimming are important recreational opportunities that all residents should be able to access, not only those living in other Auckland Districts.

2.5 Practical measures, e.g. installing beach access mats at locations like Omaha, would significantly improve beach access for wheelchair users and others with

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3. **Investment in Fully Accessible Public Bathrooms and/or Changing Places Facilities**

We advocate for the development of Fully Accessible Public Bathroom facilities across all main centres in Rodney, to support individuals with high and complex needs, ensuring dignity and inclusion for all.

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4. **Improved Accessible Parking**

There is a need for increased provision, better design, and stronger enforcement of accessible parking spaces throughout the Rodney area.

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5.1 This requires ongoing education and training for all Council staff, to ensure informed and inclusive decision-making. Is this happening?

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All Auckland Districts *except for Rodney*, offer a range of annual community grants that community groups can apply for.

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We look forward to seeing meaningful progress in this space and welcome the opportunity to continue working collaboratively to achieve a more inclusive Rodney for all.

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We live on the gravel road and have tank water with septic tank system for waste water

If the costs go up we would like to see some sealed roads.

Rodney is the capital city of gravel roads

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Being a rural person, very little thought has been applied to our circumstances

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The C.R.L has no benefit to us. The nearest bus stop is 20km away. We use a bag for refuse every 6 weeks, we have never been supplied with a recycling bin, but are charged

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The Rodney Local board with its Rodney first majority refused to fund projects in Rodney as our member was independent

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Auckland cannot afford 40+ taxis. Off peak must be run with less trips. Passenger will have to adapt to the timetable.

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

Get the core activities done. Then people who grizzle about their rates cost can be educated about the extra costs attatched to the wish list

Question 6: City centre

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

Other (please specify):Council is not a business welfare agency

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#5274

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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N/A

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Tell us why

My feedback focuses on Rodney Local Board priorities and planned activities, in particular those that align with community priorities identified through the Whangateau Harbour and Catchment Action Plan.

The Action Plan reflects a community-led process involving local residents, mana whenua, tangata whenua, scientists, landowners, community groups, Auckland Council and other partners, and provides a grounded picture of the priorities our community has identified to care for the Whangateau Harbour and catchment.

I strongly support the Rodney Local Board's focus on supporting volunteers to restore biodiversity through planting, pest plant and animal control, species protection, and local education. This aligns with the Action Plan's emphasis on community stewardship, practical restoration, biodiversity recovery, and citizen science.

I also support the commitment to provide waste education, school freshwater programmes, and community-led stream restoration and catchment management plans to improve waterway health. This aligns closely with the Action Plan's hills-to-harbour approach, including reducing erosion and sedimentation, improving riparian management, restoring wetlands, and reducing contaminants entering the harbour.

The Rodney Local Board's support for play, recreation, arts, cultural events, placemaking, and youth engagement is also important. This aligns with the Action Plan's emphasis on community engagement, storytelling, rangatahi involvement, and strengthening people's connection to place, nature, and community. The Action Plan also includes the development of educational materials and signage, community-facing education activities, and digital content to support safe, respectful, and environmentally sensitive use of the harbour. These tools are important for strengthening public understanding, supporting local education, celebrating natural and cultural heritage, and building long-term community stewardship.

I also support the Board's commitment to progress reserve and playground projects, enhance greenways, increase rural roadside weed control, and maintain heritage sites. In this context, the Ti Point Forest Project, identified as a priority through the Action Plan process, is an example of the kind of community-led initiative that could help bring these priorities together through restoration, access to nature, local education, and recognition of landscape and heritage values.

I commend the Board's continued advocacy for better rural roads through the Unsealed Roads Improvement Programme. This advocacy is important for rural communities in terms of safety, access, and resilience, and is also relevant from a catchment perspective, as road runoff-induced slips and roadside management can contribute to erosion, sediment, and contaminant pathways affecting waterways and the harbour.

The Rodney Local Board priorities outlined above align with priorities identified through a robust community-led process for the Whangateau Harbour and its catchment, and represent important areas of investment that can deliver multiple environmental, social, cultural, and community wellbeing benefits for Rodney.

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Support most

Tell us why

public transport should be more affordable, especially for students.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

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Tell us why

My area already has houses worth more than 1 million. We don't need a rise in the average cost for houses (unless I misunderstood the question).

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

(Regional parks and environments)

New Zealand is best known for its beautiful mountain ranges and natural tourist attractions, not to mention our oceans, seas, beaches, river banks, and more. We should learn what we can do to continue protecting these areas. For people all around the world to experience.

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in

the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5441

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney needs to leave the supercity, it's discrimination how we6are treated compared to the other suburbs. You are letting a rubbish dump to ruin our waterways and it's a company of New Zealand owned

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#5442

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the rate increase. 2-3.4% is still more than enough. To increase rates to support the new rail tunnel is unfair to residents who live so far away and will never use it.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

An extra rubbish bin and another charge on my rates. I don't even have one bin as I bury all scraps and the odd tin or bottle go into the appropriate bin in town centre from time to time. Plus I have to pay for septic tank cleaning and checking water enhancement and tunnel every time I go south.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Greg Sayers is doing a wonderful job with trying to sread funds as fairly and far as they can stretch.

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We don't need hundreds of trucks charging up the motorway daily to deliver rubbish Auckland into Dome Valley. Burn the rubbish in Auckland. Very very bad decision

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Don't let Dome Valley tip ever get operational! If council is serious about pests - offer free rat and possum bait to ratepayers. Move with innovations and get waste to fuel/energy up and running within Auckland's "super city". Get all councillors to take their turn at emptying the so called scrap bins "********** bin" - what an exceptional waste of money - cartage etc etc. Tractors that mow country roads another waste. Too many children's playgrounds with expensive infrastructure. council is gouging money from way up north to enhance the city which we choose not to be part of.

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

N/A

Tell us why

N/A

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Tell us why

I support the upgrade of the war memorial archway as part of the memorial park upgrade. As a descendant of the ALbertlanders that fought and lost their lives from this district I believe the present monument is not good enough.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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	Transport – roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5474

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

Support most

Tell us why

It will be really nice to have a city rail link as buses are slow, gets stuck in traffic and sometimes comes late, even worse when you are connecting buses

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

These proposed changes are asking for a lot of money from people of Auckland.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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To change the Milldale bus (989) for people that are coming from the Milldale bus (985) at 3:19

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

I want transport, local parks, community and recreation services and economic development and events

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Support most

Tell us why

It will overall benefit individuals through efficient transport but also protect the environment. Also, it will lighten the traffic on the roads.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

For overall 7.95 increase for residential rates, I believe they are justified. As they will be used for something productive

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

Food resilience as it is basic need and health safety is key. Also transport as the current road conditions and traffic pressure is quite high.

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5564

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Railway transport use should be expanded further west for access in growing towns such as Kumeu, where rates increases don't go to transport upgrades.

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Increasing residential parking fees and a refuse bin/bag exchange fee is not a good idea

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Improvements are appropriate

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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

Prioritise infrastructure improvements to accommodate growth, including economic development and building of useful and required facilities.

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses

succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5649

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

Support most

Tell us why

I am mostly in agreement because i believe that investing in transport will be beneficial

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5698

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Local Board: Rodney

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

Support all

Tell us why

All are important issues

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5732

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Organisation: Whangateau Resident and Ratepayers Association Incorporated

Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

N/A

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 March 2026 5:15 pm
To: RES Local Board Rodney <RodneyLocalBoard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Submission from WRRA for the Have your say meeting tomorrow in Warkworth

Whangateau Resident and Ratepayers Association Incorporated

Submission to draft Annual Plan 2026/2027 to the Rodney Local Board

1. Fix the entrance to the Whangateau Cemetery and the legalities in perpetuity concerning the crossing of private land to access the Cemetery.

This entrance is difficult to access as the entrance from the road is too narrow-a hearse coming from the Warkworth direction has to drive past the Cemetery entrance and turn around at the Coxhead Creek roadway and then drive back in order to enter the Cemetery driveway. A right-hand turn for a long vehicle into the road entrance is almost impossible. People in vehicles exiting and turning left to head to Warkworth find this turn difficult and sometimes end up stuck in the drain or if going wide and thereby crossing the center road line potentially facing a car coming around the corner. Otherwise vehicle drivers have to go right watching for oncoming cars including around the blind corner to the left towards Leigh and drive to a place further down the road where they can make a U-turn back towards Warkworth.

The access into the Cemetery crosses private land with no security in perpetuity that the private owner will continue to allow access. The Auckland Council needs to ensure that there is a legal agreement in place to allow this access in perpetuity no matter who owns the private land bordering the Cemetery. While the current owner is amenable to allowing access there is no guarantee that this will continue under future owners and an alternative access up through the bush behind the Rodney Ram Building while possible as an alternative would be a very expensive driveway to build as it would require major earthworks and desecrate the Kauri bush growing on the hillslope that currently exists.

2. Sewage release into Whangateau Harbour from Jones Road

Watercare are operating a facility to process the effluent from Matakana but the level of growth means that when the site is under threat due to heavy rain and also as more development takes place, since there seems to be a limit on its capacity, the discharge into the Harbour when it occurs is causing extra pollution strain on an already fragile ecosystem.

At previous meetings with Watercare WRRA and groups from the Whangateau Community were told that they would be informed when such a discharge would occur- this has not happened and in fact like the oyster farmers at the mouth of the Mahurangi river we as Kaitiaki are unhappy that the system for dealing with Matakana effluent is polluting our Harbour environment. This is unacceptable and needs to be looked at by the Rodney Board and Auckland Council and a better solution found-investment in greater infrastructure and information on what is occurring being openly provided to those living around the Harbour and using the water recreationally.

3. An updated Job description given to Green Nature whose contractors are mowing the reserve-no more dumping of grass into the swales and drains which are used to take excess water in rain events and a reduction in the frequency of mowing.

4. Upgrade of the Boat Ramp at the Whangateau Reserve next to the playground.

The current boat ramp is falling apart with exposed steel and is posing a danger to those walking in it and using it. The ramp is in serious disrepair and as part of the Boards funding should be upgraded for the use of those launching boats.

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Secretary WRRA

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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We oppose the introduction of fees for replacing trash cans and bags. Regarding the adjustment of the Kingsland and Onehunga business improvement zone project boundaries, we suggest considering shelving or postponing the project if finances become tight.

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The increase was too large

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Upper Harbour

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Tell us why

simply because a community IS all of its people

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I'd rather NOT pay more, but this is the way of the world. it will force me to raise my rates and charge my customers more $$

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Puketāpapa

Puketāpapa Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

If the community is clean, the energy of its people will be clean

Question 4: Other feedback

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I want to see more spaces for sport and outdoor activity

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not listed, all were ticked as important

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sport events

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Tell us why

heading in the right direction

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no comment

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Support most

Tell us why

Lynfield always misses out, more court space for indoor sports - basketball, badminton etc

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sort out the flooding due to the recent intensification in the white swan area

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mostly in favor, concerned about the lack of new assets for sport and recreation (green spaces - playing fields) etc given the plans for intensification around Wesley

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This is quite a lot more than my wages are likely to go up, I get a 2% rise this year!!

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Support most

Tell us why

as above, concerned about the lack of investment in green space and sports facilities in the wesley area - my club Owairaka Athletics really need more storage so that we can do more for our people.

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I rode te whan pathway this week! its awesome but it really needs to be connected up to the New Lyunn. Please please please make it happen, we SO need a safe link to connect the western suburbs

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Green spaces/parks

Sports fields

More walking/biking activities. finish the Te Whau Ptha, Connect to the east with a SAFE bike link

Community sports group funding

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Tell us why

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Good. but really warned that people will not be able to affair an increase

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Support all

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Support most

Tell us why

Seems valid and important to the community

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive especially given the real rate increases since 2022 (approximately 30% in 2022 dollars against 12% inflation). The mix of 2% for asset maintenance 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs shows the burden falling heavily on households already paying rising costs.- Council spending on consultants is outsized$126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200k. Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation and personnel costs have surged dramatically.- There are clear opportunities to rein in costs: cut back on corporate and backroom

functions reduce consultancy and professional services freeze non-essential vacancies and renegotiate vendor contracts.Position and requests- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and advocate for limiting rate rises to no more than 3% through targeted savings.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) including: - Reducing personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million- Specifically cut wasteful spend: - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves) - Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (saves at least $17 million immediately) - Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function - Reduce spend on consultants and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOsAdditional noteTry living within your means as we all have too.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6807

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I wish to submit a constructive and solution-focused view on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan.1. Opposition to the rates increase. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (roughly $320 for the average household). This increase far exceeds inflation and the real cost pressures facing households. The Council must act to bring rate rises in line with or below inflation while maintaining essential services.2. Wasteful and excessive spending. The Alliance's briefing shows Council spending on consultants averaging about $126 million per year and personnel costs rising faster than inflation. I support reducing corporate and backroom office expenditure across

the Council and CCOs and I support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to continue to climb.3. Defund non-core programmes. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves. I favour defending essential statutory services over discretionary programmes.4. Freeze non-essential staffing. I support freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5. Reassess targeted spending. I support cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a local government responsibility. Any functions that are not essential to core Council services should be scrutinised and where appropriate redirected to frontline services.Additional point. There was a time when councils kept more functions in-house. In-house staff for grass cutting minor road repairs rubbish collection and processing can deliver substantial savings by limiting contractor profit and management charges.Closing. I request that the Council consider reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3% via: reducing personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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#6808

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functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth in these items.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget perspective: by cutting new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) the average residential rates increase could be limited to around 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million savings from personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I emphasise the need for a faster clearer response to ratepayers when challenged and a more transparent breakdown of cost drivers for the proposed increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6831

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Your feedback:

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Tell us why

Key concerns- The planned 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% inflation). Given Council has driven 85% rates growth since the 2010 Super City amalgamation ratepayers cannot sustain further above-inflation increases.- A significant portion of the rise is allocated to CRL operating costs (4.4%) with ongoing costs for maintaining and expanding assets (total 7.9%). While investment in transport is important the current expenditure pattern creates a mismatch with core local government priorities and households' ability to pay.Proposed spending reductions (in line with the Ratepayers' Alliance

alternative budget)- Reduce new and ongoing Council spending by at least $150 million to cap rates growth at around 3%. This includes: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and freezing non-essential roles ($50 million). - Capping spending on consultants and professional services ($50 million). - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million). - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (a saving of at least $17 million immediately).- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the premise that such roles are not a core responsibility of local government.Additional context- Council payroll and external spend are high with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and substantial consultant costs ($590 million on consultants and contractors). Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation while two decades of amalgamation have delivered limited visible returns to ratepayers.- Stick to core business: serve not build a legacy with our money.ClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions before approving any rate increase and prioritise essential services over discretionary programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and ask Council to prioritise cost reductions and headline-efficiency measures that protect households while delivering essential services.Key context and positions- The proposed 7.9% rise would add about $320 to the average household bill (current average $4069). Since 2012 rates have risen far ahead of inflation and population growth and further increases would burden households already coping with rising costs.- Agreed priorities for a sustainable plan: reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; cut spend on consultancy and professional services; and cancel non-essential programmes with questionable value.Specific savings and reforms proposed- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb external consultancy and professional services by limiting contract spend; pursue renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve substantial ongoing savings.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about 3% through targeted reductions. - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from consulting/contractor spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (approximately $36 million/year) due to its carbon profile and limited net savings.- Reconsider Māori-focused spending including the roughly $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes area (Ngā Mātārae) ensuring alignment with local government roles and core services.Additional considerations- Prioritise essential statutory services and service delivery while reviewing discretionary grants and non-core programmes.- Focus on efficiency better procurement and process improvements to maintain service levels without premium rate increases.ClosingI request that Council consider these changes to keep rate increases aligned with inflation and provide transparent reporting on achieved savings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6855

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing this rise represents about $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 and ongoing costs driven by CRL operating expenditure. Given current affordability pressures an increase at least in line with inflation not well above it is warranted.I urge the Council to reduce wasteful expenditure across the Council and CCOs. In particular the Alliance highlights spending on consultants at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Corporate and backroom functions as well as payroll and staff costs have grown significantly since

amalgamation with 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries and payroll costs around $1.3 billion. Direct operating expenditure has risen well beyond inflation and there is substantial ongoing spend on advisory and professional services.I support cutting consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase them. I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which the briefing estimates could save at least $17 million immediately. In addition I do not support ongoing spending on discretionary programmes that do not align with statutory priorities.Specific measures I request include:- Reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate increase at around 3 percent via: $50 million in personnel cost reductions $50 million in capped consultancy expenditure $30 million in contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.I request that the Council consider these figures and approaches when finalising the 2026/27 plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6862

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on publicly available information this would equate to approximately $320 for the average household and represents a real cumulative increase well above inflation since 2022. I request that the Council pause this increase and instead pursue targeted reductions in operating expenditure before raising rates further.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose the 7.9 percent average residential rates rise and urge the Council to cap any increase closer to inflation with a clear and credible path to savings. The rate rise breakdown shows 2 percent to maintain existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. The majority of pressure is

therefore on operational spending which could be reined in.- The Council must reduce wasteful or non‘essential expenditure particularly in corporate and back‘office functions across the Council and its CCOs and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.I call for the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and has not demonstrated net carbon savings.- I support freezing staffing levels or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non‘essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing expenditure on Māori‘specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which costs approximately $10 million per year on the basis that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.Proposed alternative budget approach:Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (approximately 2 percent) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3 percent by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI emphasise the above as a matter of prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds and accountability for wasteful expenditure. I would welcome consideration of these measures and if possible an opportunity to speak at hearings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6866

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge a program of spending restraint to protect households from unaffordable bills.Key context from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing shows the real impact of rate rises since 2022: average residential rates have increased by about 30 percent in real terms while inflation has been 12 percent. The proposed 7.9 percent increase is not merely a cash rise; it compounds the challenge for families and small businesses already facing cost pressures. The breakdown indicates 4.4 percent of the increase is driven by CRL operating costs with 2 percent for maintaining assets and 1.5 percent for new

assets. A more prudent approach is to cap inflation-compatible increases and reprioritise spending.I support the Council's responsibility to deliver essential services while opposing wasteful expenditure. Specifically I advocate for:1) Reducing personnel costs by freezing non-essential roles and avoiding new hires in vacant positions which could save at least $17 million immediately.2) Cutting back on consultants and professional services and renegotiating contracts to limit escalating spend (the current pattern shows high reliance on external expertise).3) Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves.4) Reducing or reconfiguring backroom and corporate functions across the Council and CCOs given the $868.4 million spent on 18 corporate and business support functions and the substantial payroll and contractor costs.5) Reassessing Māori-focused spending including the $10 million per year attributed to Ngā Mātārae to ensure funding aligns with core local government responsibilities.I also urge prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and I support the proposed Avenue of targeted savings in the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget including a 2% reduction in new Council spending to cap rates increases at around 3 percent.Additional observations: there is a perception of waste in daily operations. Shifting to fixed-pay job models for routine tasks improved maintenance discipline and prioritising infrastructure over cultural spend would improve efficiency and outcomes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and demand a comprehensive review of wasteful Council spending before any rate rises are approved.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of an ongoing trend where rates have increased 85% since 2010 far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The current average domestic rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022.- The rate rise is poorly targeted with 4.4% of the increase allocated to CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This

structure invites scepticism about the efficiency of core operating spend.- Spending on consultants remains excessive at about $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent; average consultant pay is around $200k. Payroll and other operating costs have risen well ahead of inflation.Proposed reductions and priorities (my positions)- Oppose the average 7.9% increase and support capping rates growth at 3% by cutting new and recurring costs.- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services by $50 million and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation for a further $30 million.- Prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary grants; reduce red tape and align expenditure with core council responsibilities.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (estimated $36 million per year) due to higher carbon emissions than savings produced.- Freeze or reduce Māori outcomes spending such as the $10 million/year Ngā Mātārae arguing that such programmes are not a core local government remit.- Stop excessive road-blocking interventions; reduce road-related expenditures on non-critical works and limit bike-lane spending where usage is low.Additional points- Limit expenditure on road enhancements and over-engineered infrastructure while focusing on maintaining existing assets and essential services.ClosingI request to speak at hearings to present these concerns in detail.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

1. I oppose the proposed 7.9% average increase. The rate rises since 2022 amount to about 30% in real terms with inflation running higher than this growth placing a heavy burden on households. I urge Council to constrain rate increases to reflect inflation and a prudent plan for essential services.2. Wasteful and avoidable spending must be addressed before increasing rates. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance indicates substantial ongoing costs in corporate and backroom functions consultant expenditures and payroll. Specific concerns include:- Consultants and professional services: approximately $126 million per year across the Council group with the parent

council alone spending about $60 million and typical consultant pay around $200k.- Payroll and staff costs: payroll near $1.3 billion with six-figure salaries for many staff and a significant rise in personnel costs and other expenses since 2022.- Direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation.3. Propose the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap average residential rates to around 3%:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: savings circa $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants: $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.4. Specific measures aligned with my positions:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending notably the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this role is not a core function of local government.5. Additional note: I support reallocating resources toward essential statutory services and transparent governance while ensuring responsible management of assets and obligations.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and request consideration of substantial expenditure reductions to bring rates back closer to inflation and to protect households.1) Why the increase is unacceptable- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per average household on the back of a total rates bill now around $4069. Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen by 85% in real terms far exceeding both inflation (approx. 34% since then) and population growth (22%). A large component is disease of growth and operating costs notably 4.4% of the rise for CRL operating costs.- Costs have grown faster than inflation in recent

years with payroll and 'other expenses' rising at roughly twice the rate of inflation from 2022 to 2025. The council must recognise that there is little room to burden households further without sacrificing essential services.2) Agreed actions to reduce expenditure- Reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb consultancy and professional services spending rather than allowing it to climb further.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million/year) which the Alliance notes emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government function.3) Budget framing and a practical path forward- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a defensible target: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate increase at about 3% through: (a) personnel cost reductions; (b) capped consultant spending; (c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; (d) prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional context: my rates increased by about 100% last year and most neighbouring properties did not experience such large increases. This highlights the need for disciplined expenditure control rather than captive price hikes.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6910

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge Council to adopt a plan that prioritises prudent value-for-money spending and restraint on non-essential costs.Agreed positions and rationale- Oppose the 7.9% residential rates increase. The current average residential bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% in 2022 dollars far exceeding inflation. A 7.9% rise compounds financial pressure on households already dealing with rising living costs.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Total payroll and back-office costs are elevated and savings should be redirected to core services that directly

serve ratepayers.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Council's annual $126 million for consultants including high average contractor pay is excessive and should be capped with better in-house capability and vendor consolidation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million/year which purportedly saves carbon but appears to be a poor return on investment for ratepayers.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government responsibility.Additional points- The Food Scrap bin is viewed as a waste of money within the broader waste and environmental goals.- Consider prioritising 'back to basics' service delivery and essential statutory functions with a tighter focus on core governance responsibilities transparency and value for money.A fairer approachI support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate increase at around 3% by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6926

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose any increase above inflation and I urge Council to adopt substantial efficiency measures before asking households to pay more.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen 30% in real terms outpacing inflation by a wide margin.- The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure highlights how much of the rise is devoted to ongoing operating costs rather than essential service real growth.- I support reducing expenditure on

corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further growth in these areas.- I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in our analysis emits more carbon than it saves.Policy proposals- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping average residential rates increases to around 3%. This should be achieved by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze where appropriate ($50 million). - Capping spending on consultants and professional services ($50 million). - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million). - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).- Prioritise core statutory services over discretionary programmes to restore confidence in Council stewardship and financial discipline.ConclusionThe current trajectory of rising rates combined with high consultants' costs and backroom overheads undermines affordability for households and signals a need for bold responsible budgeting. I urge Council to adopt the proposed savings measures and to limit the rate increase to a level consistent with inflation and essential service needs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6929

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a detailed and evidence-based manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average residential rate increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation of 12%.- The breakdown of the increase is concerning: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% to cover CRL operating costs. This pattern suggests ongoing cost pressure without clear evidence of proportional

service gains for ratepayers.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backoffice functions across the Council and CCOs and substantially curb consultancy and professional services which in aggregate add to the ratepayer burden.Specific measures I support- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut spending on Māori-specific programmes; in particular the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government responsibility and should be redirected to essential statutory services.- Cap and reallocate discretionary spending by prioritising statutory services over non-core grants and renegotiate contracts to remove duplication and consolidate vendors where appropriate.Alternative budget context- Your Ratepayers' Alliance briefing demonstrates an alternative more affordable approach: reduce new Council spending by around $150 million (2%) to keep average rate rises to around 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultancy and procurement.In closing I request that the Council consider these reductions and avoid the proposed 7.9% rise aligning with responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds and accountability for backroom spending.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit this objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a programme of spending restraint and reform to protect households.- Opposition to the 7.9% average increase: The proposed rise is excessive for ratepayers delivering a roughly $320 increase for the average household (from a current $4069). Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms outpacing inflation by a wide margin. The breakdown " 2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs " highlights that much of the rise funds ongoing operating and growth pressures rather than essential services alone.- Wasteful and

unnecessary spending must be cut: The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional servicesspending that continues to grow while residents face budget pressures. The current yearly consultancy spend (about $126 million across the group) and the $1.3 billion payroll demand belt-tightening and prioritisation.- Specific policy changes aligned with responsible stewardship: - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) on grounds of higher emissions with limited net carbon savings. - Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. - Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is beyond the core remit of local government.- Fiscal discipline and equity: Stop the inequity in spending between urban and rural areas. Reallocate to essential services and statutory duties.- A fiscally prudent alternative budget: At a minimum reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3%. This would be achieved by the measures listed above and by renegotiating contracts vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a comprehensive review of Council spending to protect households from unaffordable increases.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 more per household on an existing average bill of $4069. This is a substantial +unaffordable jump for Auckland families.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which have grown well beyond inflation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to independent assessment

emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.Alternative budget and outcomes- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which caps the rate rise to around 3% by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionThis approach would deliver more affordable rates while preserving essential services.Additional perspective- We cannot afford a rate increase. We do not qualify for a rates rebate and do not want to sell our home because we cannot pay the rates.I request that the Council seriously consider these reductions and return to residents with a revised plan that limits rate increases to inflation-aligned levels and prioritises core services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6971

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the intended average residential rates increase of 7.9%.I oppose the 7.9% increase. The planned rise would add about $320 for the average household while the real rates pressure since 2022 has already risen 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation. I believe the Council must curb wasteful spending before increasing rates on households already stretched by cost pressures.To achieve this I support a reset of Council expenditure toward essential services and line-by-line reductions in non-core spending. Specifically:- Reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.-

Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as I believe this is not a function of local government.I recognise the Budget alternatives circulating within ratepayer discussions including reducing new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at approximately 3%. This would involve further reductions in personnel costs capping consultancy spending renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. I urge the Council to consider these reductions seriously and apply them to achieve meaningful rate relief for households while preserving core municipal functions.In closing I urge the Council to prioritise restraint on discretionary and backroom spending before imposing broader rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is already around 30% in 2022 dollars well above general inflation. The proposed 7.9% rise comprising 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs is excessive when measured against ratepayer affordability and past performance.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance material shows that rates have risen 85% since the Super City amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth. I support actions to reduce spending that burden households and distort priorities. Specifically I urge the Council to implement the following:-

Reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which currently amount to substantial annual costs. - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year on the basis that it emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that such programmes are not a core local government responsibility.Based on these priorities the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at about 3%. This would rely on:- $50 million savings from personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes- $50 million from capping consultancy spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsI urge the Council to consider these responsible reductions to protect households while preserving essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7004

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1) Rates increase and spending disciplineThe proposed average increase of 7.9% equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a historic 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) while inflation has been 12%. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. I oppose increases above inflation and request Council cap rates growth through prudent spending cuts not revenue rises.2) Targeted reductions in wasteful spendingThe Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather

than sustaining or growing these items. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance guidance shows consultants cost about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. A reduction in these areas is essential to constrain rates.3) Specific programme and staffing reforms- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.4) Alternative budget pathwayTo keep the average residential rate rise to around 3% I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieved by the measures above: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI firmly oppose the proposed 7.9% rate rise and urge the Council to implement the above cost-saving measures to protect households and ensure essential services are funded efficiently. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7012

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Key points- The proposed 7.9% average rate rise is not affordable for households; the current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase well above inflation. The rise includes 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs.- Rates increases have grown far faster than inflation since the Super City restructuring with an 85% rise since 2010 far exceeding population growth and inflation.- The Council should substantially reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and its CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services which is

excessive and plant-wide.Proposed alternative and specific savings- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap residential rate increases at about 3%. This involves: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving around $50 million. - Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million. - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save about $30 million. - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a saving of at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a core local-government function.ClosingI request that Auckland Council adopt a lower-rate path and rationalise spending as outlined above prioritising essential services and value-for-money for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

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Tell us why

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corporate and backoffice functions. A leaner organisation will lower overheads and protect essential services.3) Cap consultancy and professional services spend. The current level of consultants is unsustainable. Freeze or reduce external advisory costs and prioritise in-house capability.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; funding should be redirected to essential services with clear measurable outcomes.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. Non-essential vacancies should not be filled which could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.6) Cut Maori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reviewed as a matter of local government priority; focus on statutory responsibilities and essential community needs.Alternative budget stance: If new spending is restrained by at least $150 million (2%) average rates could be capped at about 3% by prioritising essential services and changing staff and vendor costs through:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes- $50 million from consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from discretionary grants versus statutory servicesI respectfully request that the council consider these savings before approving any rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit strong fact-based opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a hard look at wasteful Council spending. The current proposal would raise the average residential bill by about $320 on top of a long-run trend of rising costs that far outpace inflation and population growth.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9 percent increase is excessive. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs and 1.5 percent for new assets alongside 2 percent for maintaining existing assets. Even without any new projects the overall rate pressure is unsustainable for households.- Spending on consultants and external providers is too high. Council

group-wide consultant spend is about $126 million per year with the average consultant receiving around $200k. This is a prime target for savings without compromising core services.- Payroll and personnel costs have risen sharply. With 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor's $306741 payroll costs are consuming a growing share of spend. A freeze on non-essential vacancies would yield immediate relief.- Wasteful non-core expenditure should be cut or redirected. The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; it should be cancelled.- The case for reforming backroom functions is strong. There are too many layers of middle management and administrative overhead. Reducing this layer would unlock productivity and morale and deliver meaningful savings.Budget alternativeThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) capping average residential rate increases to about 3 percent. This would be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50 million)- Capping consultant spend ($50 million)- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million)- Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million)Additional points- Kill the layer of middle management; streamline accountability and empower frontline staff to improve service delivery and morale.I strongly urge the Council to reconsider the 7.9 percent rise and adopt the proposed savings plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit a formal respectful objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a decisive reduction in wasteful Council spending. The proposed rise would add roughly $320 to the average residential bill on top of the cumulative 30 percent real increase since 2022 well above inflation.Points of objection and policy positions:1) Rates increase: I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent and advocate for holding increases near or below inflation consistent with responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds.2) Corporate and backroom costs: The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across

the Council and CCOs where high payroll and broad administrative costs have grown faster than inflation.3) Consultancy and professional services: Reducing spend on consultants and external services should be a priority; these costs have risen aggressively and are a clear target for savings.4) Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Payroll and staffing: Freeze non-essential vacancies or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential roles; halting hiring could save at least $17 million promptly.6) Māori outcomes expenditure: Freeze or substantially rethink the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing it is not a core local government function.7) Stop spending on irrelevant items: Reallocate funds toward statutory and essential services rather than discretionary grants.Additional context:- Current spending patterns show rapid growth in personnel costs and contractor expenditure with a substantial share of operating costs devoted to corporate services.- An alternative budget framework that prioritises core services and reduces new spending by around $150 million would effectively cap rate increases.I request that the council consider these reductions and reallocate resources to essential services with a transparent plan for maintaining service levels without excessive rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

This level equating to about $320 for the average household is well above inflation and well beyond what residents can reasonably bear while Council continues to expand backroom and discretionary spending.The Council should prioritise tax relief for households and accept that real rate rises since 2022 are already excessive. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an Alternative Budget that would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent. Key measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants and

professional services: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI urge the Council to implement these measures to avoid further burden on households and to reverse a trend of escalating operating costs. Specific spending that should be reconsidered includes:- Corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs where inefficiencies inflate payroll and overheads.- Consultants and contractors which have grown substantially and add little demonstrable value relative to core services.- The Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and is argued to emit more carbon than it saves.- Staffing costs where freezing vacancies and not filling non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae department's roughly $10 million per year which does not appear to be a core local-government remit.Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs must be aligned with actual population growth and core statutory responsibilities not expanded into discretionary agendas. I request the opportunity to present these concerns at hearings to explain how a leaner more efficient Council can meet statutory duties without overburdening ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7046

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. The current average rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 has been 30% while overall inflation is higher than that at times. An average rise of 7.9% is above what many households can sustain especially when much of the increase funds operating costs for CRL and other areas rather than essential visible services. I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I support reducing the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these expenditures to continue rising.I support the Council's need to deliver essential

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing this increase adds about $320 to the average household bill on top of a real rates rise of roughly 30% since 2022. This level of increase is not justified when inflation and population pressures are acknowledged and when there are clear opportunities to reduce wasteful spend.I oppose the proposed 7.9% average increase and support substantial spending restraint. Specifically the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. The current pattern$126 million

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and call for immediate restraint on wasteful Council and CCO spending. The rate increase of 7.9 percent would mean an average rise of about $320 for the typical household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of 30 percent (with cumulative inflation around 12 percent). This is unaffordable for households and fails to reflect better value for money from ratepayer funds.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap average residential rates increases at 3 percent. This requires reducing new and ongoing Council spending not merely managing it. Specifically I call for:- Reducing

personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cutting expenditure on consultants and professional services rather than allowing these items to expand.- Capping contract spending and consolidating vendors to achieve measurable savings (targeting roughly $30“50 million from renegotiations and consolidation).- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles.- Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae which I consider outside the proper scope of local government.The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and I urge you to implement the Alliance's proposed budget that reduces new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% saving) to deliver a 3% rate increase cap. In addition to the above I emphasise accountability for:- Reducing reliance on six-figure salaries and high-cost backroom functions; the payroll and external procurement footprint needs thorough review.- Curtailing spending on consultants and ensuring every dollar funds core services rather than administrative bloat.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7057,339152,,Rodney,Do not support most,The Alliance's briefing shows the current context: rates have risen by 85 percent since 2010 while population growth is 22 percent and inflation has exceeded 12 percent. The proposed 7.9 percent increase comprises 2 percent to maintain existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets due to growth and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. In this light the rate rise is not modest; it is a step beyond inflation and directly impacts households including those in Papakura.I support the Council's need to curb wasteful expenditure and to focus on essential services. To achieve a sustainable path I endorse the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap residential rates increases at around 3 percent. Specific measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze saving $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.In addition I urge immediate action on the following agreed points:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme valued at $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising this is not a core local government function.- Reduce spending on consultants and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and slow or halt further increases in payroll where not justified by essential service delivery.No more increases are acceptable while these savings are not implemented. I request that I be kept informed and given an opportunity to speak at hearings if provided.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7062,339147,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to around $320 for the average household on top of the current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth. I urge Council to pursue meaningful savings and restraint before imposing further burdens on households.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce expenditure across the Council and CCOs particularly in corporate and backroom functions. A targeted reduction in consultancy and professional services is essential given current spend of $126 million per year across the Council group and average consultant salaries around $200k. The proposed 7.9% increase relies heavily on operating costs for the CRL; there should be a hard look at efficiency and potential savings in this area.I oppose ongoing spending on discretionary programmes that do not deliver proportional community benefit. In particular I call for: cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves; freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies a move that could save at least $17 million immediately; and cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe falls outside the core responsibilities of local government.My alternative budget remains a constructive guide: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about a 2% cut) to cap the average residential rate increase at around 3%. This would be achieved through: a $50 million reduction in personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes a $50 million cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council consider these measures as part of the consultation process to protect households from excessive rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7072,339137,,Rodney,Do not support most,I note that the proposed rise represents an average bill increase of about $320 for the typical household with the current average residential rates bill at $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30 percent in real terms well ahead of cumulative inflation. The breakdown of the 7.9 percent increase2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costshighlights spending pressures that warrant tougher scrutiny by councillors and ratepayers alike.I agree with and urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continued growth in these items. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance notes that consultants cost around $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning approximately $200000. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have grown far faster than inflation while payroll remains a major cost driver.I support the Council cancelling the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.I also oppose the current level of spend on Māori Outcomes such as the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae arguing that this is not a function of local government.If accepted the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget provides a credible path to a cap on the average rate increase at around 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent). This would be achieved through: (i) a $50 million reduction in

personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; (ii) a $50 million cap on consultants; (iii) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million); and (iv) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).I request the opportunity to present at hearings to outline these points in more detail.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7077,339132,,Rodney,Do not support most,Based on Council's own figures this would mean about $320 more for the average household taking the current average bill toward $4400. Since 2022 residential rates have risen 30% in real terms far outstripping cumulative inflation. Rates increases should be kept to at or below inflation not used to fund rising operating costs and discretionary spend.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose the 7.9% average increase. The Council must prioritise core statutory services and essential upkeep not a continued surge in backroom and corporate spend.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct savings should come from better governance and streamlined operations not new ratepayer burden.- Curb consultancy and professional services spend. The forecast growth in external advice and contractor work is a principal driver of higher costs; cap these expenditures and pursue internal capability where feasible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (£36 million/year) which based on current evaluations wastes funds and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is expenditure beyond the core remit of local government and funds should be redirected to statutory duties.- In line with the above the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) focusing on personnel changes vendor consolidation and essential services.Additional points: the City is run down berms are not being mowed and services have been reduced. Time to stop escalating spending and restore focus on the basics.I request that the Council consider shifting the plan toward a 3% or lower increase by pursuing the outlined savings and re-prioritising expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7078,339131,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and request a comprehensive review of council and CCO spending to protect households from unaffordable bills.The proposed increase is excessive. The 7.9 percent rise equates to about $320 more per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85 percent far outpacing inflation and population growth. A responsible approach requires aligning rate increases with inflation and essential services not blanket spending growth.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap rate increases by cutting wasteful expenditure. Specific actions I urge include:1) Reducing personnel costs by freezing non-essential vacancies and implementing organisational changes to trim payroll which could save at least $17 million immediately.2) Capping spending on consultants and professional services to stop swelling expenditure on backroom functions.3) Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to recover value and reduce indirect costs with

an estimated $30 million in savings.4) Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants while removing non-core programmes with questionable value to ratepayers including cancelling the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year which reportedly wastes resources and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) on the basis that such roles are not a core local-government responsibility.If savings from the above are realised the alternate budget proposed by ratepayers' groups could cap increases at around 3 percent. This would protect households from disproportionate rate shocks and prioritise core services essential maintenance and renewals.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7084,339125,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. The real increase since 2022 is 30% (in 2022 dollars) while overall inflation has been about 12%. A rate rise of this magnitude is unacceptable for households already facing cost pressures.The 7.9% increase is broken down as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85%well above inflation and population growth. Given these pressures I urge a thorough re-prioritisation of Council spending to protect household budgets.A constructive path is to implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap average residential rates at 3%. This would be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionIn line with this I oppose continued expenditure on Māori outcomes as a stand-alone function of local government. The Alliance notes $171 million in spending on Māori outcomes over 10 years including a $10 million/year allocation to the Ngā Mātārae department. I believe such spend should be reviewed and redirected toward essential council responsibilities.While I recognise the need to fund essential infrastructure wasteful spending in consultancy back-office functions and non-core programmes should be curtailed first. A disciplined budget approach will protect ratepayers and ensure core services are preserved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7120,339089,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and the resulting impact on households already struggling with rising living costs.1) Spending reform is urgent- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb spend on consultancy and professional services instead of continuing to grow these lines.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.2) Reprioritise statutory services and essential spending- Cut discretionary grants and prioritise

statutory duties over non-essential programmes including some targeted 'outcomes' programmes that should be the remit of central government rather than local government.3) Targeted reductions in specific cost lines- Scale back Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a responsibility of local government.4) Financial impact and alternative plan- The proposed 7.9% increase is a cumulative overstatement relative to the real burden on households. The Ratepayers' Alliance recommends a deflated approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at around 3% through targeted reductions (as outlined in our alternative budget: $50 million on personnel costs $50 million on consultants $30 million on contracts and vendor consolidation $20 million on prioritising essential services).The above measures would align Auckland's finances with inflation and population growth without burdening households with unsustainable rate rises while delivering core services more efficiently.Extra note: Mr Brownyou have failed to restrict rate increases as promised. Why did you misrepresent progress?I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7121,339088,,Rodney,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a reduction in wasteful council spending. By supporting a lower rate rise and smarter budgeting the Council can protect households while maintaining essential services.Position and rationale- I oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2022 rates have effectively risen 30% in real terms far outpacing general inflation and this increase would continue that trend.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner structure will preserve frontline services and relieve ratepayer pressure.- It is essential to curb spending on consultancy and professional services. Reducing these costs should be a priority instead of ongoing escalation.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori Outcomes' department envisaged at around $10 million per year as this is not a statutory duty of local government.Additional points- There are too many councillors leading to higher overheads and inefficiencies. A smaller focused council would improve accountability and reduce non-essential costs.Alternative budget approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping average rate increases to around 3%. This would come from organisational changes hiring freezes contractor/consultant caps and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request the Council consider these measures to constrain rate increases and to reinvest in essential transparent governance. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7130,339079,,Rodney,Do not support most,The rate rise would shift a larger portion of Council costs onto households already facing rising living costs.Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase and affordability- Proposed average residential rates rise: 7.9 percent (about $320 for the average

household).- Current average residential rates bill: $4069; real increase since 2022: 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) vs. 12 percent accumulated inflation.- Breaking down the increase 4.4 percent relates to CRL operating costs which is beyond ordinary ratepayer accountability and warrants scrutiny.2) Wasteful spending and reform priorities- Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae as this falls outside the core functions of local government.3) Budget guidance aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance- The Alliance proposes a prudent cap on rate increases by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) bringing the residential rate rise to around 3%.- Proposed savings: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional point- Bring responsibility to Council for excessive spending and the entrenchment of backroom spending which erodes public trust.ClosingI appreciate the opportunity to provide input and would welcome further discussion in public forums focused on prudent value-for-money governance.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7132,339077,,Rodney,Do not support most,Key positions:- Oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9%. The current rates bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 are already 30% in real terms far above inflation.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The scale of staff and contractor costs including $1.3 billion in payroll and $590 million on consultants indicates substantial overhead that should be streamlined.- Cut consultancy and professional services spend. Annual consultant spend sits at about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll through not filling non-essential vacancies a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department which is not a core local government function.Additional context:Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. Direct expenditure growth has been well above inflation and a large portion of operating costs are tied to six-figure salaries and high back-office costs. The proposed 7.9% increase allocated across asset maintenance new assets for growth and CRL operating costs should be revisited in favour of prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary spending.I support the outlined cost-saving measures and request that the Council pursue a revised budget that realigns with household affordability and prudent financial management.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7140,339069,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere capacity to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge the Council to cut wasteful spend and restructure spending priorities.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which translates to about $320 more for the average household. Since 2022 rates have risen 30 percent in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation of about 12 percent. The current plan allocates 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs plus 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets meaning the bulk of the rise is driven by ongoing operating costs rather than essential growth.I call for reducing wasteful Council expenditure across the Council group. Specifically the Council should reduce spending on consultants (NZ$126 million per year across the group) and curb six-figure salaries and backroom functions. Direct operating expenditure personnel costs and other expenses have risen well beyond inflation in recent years and I support freezing staffing for non-essential roles and cutting payroll costs where vacancies are not essential to service delivery which could save at least NZ$17 million immediately. I also urge renegotiation of contracts and vendor consolidation to deliver further savings.I support cancelling discretionary and non-essential programmes including the Food Scraps Programme which costs NZ$36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also question the proportional spend on Māori outcomes with NZ$10 million per year in Ngā Mātārae; I believe statutory and essential services should be prioritised over discretionary programmes.A practical responsible alternative is to cap average residential rate increases at around 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by NZ$150 million via targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants and contract negotiations while protecting core services.Wayne we voted for you to stop the ridiculous spending on nice-to-haves and not changing signs to Maori on buildings/road signs/stationery/uniforms. We have had enough; you have let us down big time.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7141,339068,,Rodney,Do not support most,Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase equating to about $320 for the average household compounds the already substantial rate burden. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by 30% in real terms well above inflation (12%) and rates have increased 85% since the 2010 Super City amalgamation.- A more efficient budget is possible. The Ratepayers' Alliance argues for reducing new council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a rate rise cap of 3%. This can be achieved by: (a) reducing personnel costs through organisational change and by freezing non-essential vacant roles (savings of at least $17 million); (b) capping spending on consultants; (c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and (d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Specific savings aligned with public interest include canceling the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which on assessment emits more carbon than it saves; reducing corporate and backroom office spending across the Council and CCOs; and cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a local government core function.- Other cost pressures are unsustainable: the CRL operating costs comprise about 4.4% of the rate increase; total payroll and related costs have grown faster than inflation with staff numbers and six-figure salaries escalating. A more disciplined approach to payroll and external contracting is warranted.Additional considerations- As a widow on a pension meeting rising rates is increasingly difficult. A lower more targeted rate increase would provide relief to households like mine without compromising essential city services.ConclusionI urge Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance approach: reduce new

spending by $150 million prioritise essential services cancel discretionary programmes such as Food Scraps freeze hiring for non-essential roles and curb consultancy and corporate backroom costs. I request the average residential rates increase be limited to about 3 percent consistent with the alternative budget presented.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7143,339066,,Rodney,Do not support most,I am opposed to this rate rise and urge a substantial limit on expenditures to protect households from continued real-terms tax pressure.Key concerns and positions:1) I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. This level far outstrips inflation and places another burden on households already paying rising costs. The proposed split2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsneeds justification against demonstrable efficiency gains elsewhere.2) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants remains high (about $126 million per year across the Council group) with average consultant pay around $200k. A tighter service-led organisation is essential.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing ongoing growth. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well beyond inflation in recent years; renegotiations and consolidation are overdue.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the submitter's understanding may emit more carbon than it saves. Reallocating that funding to essential services would be prudent.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approach:I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increase at around 3% achieved through: personnel cost reductions and hiring freezes; capping consultancy; contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I respectfully request that the Council consider these measures and publish a revised plan with a lower rates increase aligned to the proposed 3% cap subject to public feedback.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7144,339065,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit respectfully to express opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to put forward constructive cost-saving alternatives based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing.1. Rates and affordability- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent is well above inflation and place further burden on households already facing cost pressures. The Alliance indicates the current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent in 2022 dollars far outstripping cumulative inflation. A more affordable path is to cap rate increases through targeted savings.2. Expenditure reductions and efficiency- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- There should be a reduction in consultancy and professional services not continued growth in these items.- Freeze staffing

and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to align with core responsibilities of local government.3. Specific budget adjustments- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent: - $50 million: reduce personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes. - $50 million: cap consulting and professional services. - $30 million: renegotiate contracts and pursue vendor consolidation. - $20 million: prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary programmes.- The Alliance also recommends reducing Maori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) as this appears to exceed the role of local government; these funds should be redirected to essential services.4. Other considerations- While I recognise the importance of responsible governance every dollar saved strengthens households and supports sustainable efficient Council operations.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7149,339060,,Rodney,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a comprehensive review of Council and CCO spending to prioritise essential services and prudent financial management.1) Rates increase and the case for restraint- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 extra for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. I urge the Council to hold average rate rises to the level of inflation or lower and to demonstrate how any increase beyond inflation will deliver tangible statutory services.2) Reducing wasteful and backroom spending- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth.- Target a 2% reduction in new spending to cap rates increases at around 3% through: - Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which could save about $50 million. - Capping consultant spending at about $50 million. - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million. - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.3) Specific programmes and staffing costs- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which allegedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Re-evaluate Māori-specific spending (Ngā Mātārae) and related programmes including the $10 million/year allocation to ensure alignment with local government responsibilities and outcomes.4) Overall approach- The Council must urgently address escalating personnel costs and high external advice spend. If management cannot implement drastic cost reductions promptly consider leadership changes to ensure urgent fiscal discipline.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7150,339059,,Rodney,Do not support most,I note the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent (about $320 for the average household) is a real-terms burden on households already facing inflation and rising living costs. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a 30

percent real increase since 2022 far exceeding population growth and inflation. The breakdown of the 7.9 percent rise2 percent for existing asset maintenance 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costsdemands a rigorous review of priorities.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap average residential rates at about 3 percent. This should be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles (savings of at least $17 million).- Capping spending on consultants and professional services (around $50 million).- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors (about $30 million).- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants (roughly $20 million).I also urge immediate restraint on wasteful spending identified in the briefing: curb council and CCO consultants where spending totals about $126 million per year and address the significant payroll and backroom functions including the 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves. I oppose further spending on Māori-specific programmes such as the $10 million/year allocated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) which should fall within core local-government responsibilities rather than a stand-alone department.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7161,339048,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for reductions in wasteful Council spending.1) Rates and justification- I oppose the 7.9% increase which equates to around $320 for the average household on top of a long history of rate rises that far outstrip inflation.- The rate rise is not justifiable when current and planned costs reflect heavy spending in areas outside core council services. The alternative budget proposed by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance shows a feasible path to stabilise or reduce rate pressure.2) Spend reductions to fund the plan- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to expand these lines.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3) Alternative budgeting and priorities- The Alliance's approach suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average residential rate increase at 3% by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and focusing on efficiency through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.ClosingI urge the Council to consider a managed path to lower rate increases by addressing wasteful expenditure refocusing on essential services and ensuring responsible fiscal management. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7165,339044,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to call for a practical reduction in wasteful Council spending.I understand the plan proposes 7.9% on average which equates to about $320 more per household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. This rise is broken down as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. I believe this level of increase is excessive given the Council's track record of rising personnel and consultant costs and its repeated increases far above inflation and population growth.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%; support capping increases closer to 3% by cutting wasteful spending.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and purportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government core function.Additional point:- Blanket percentage increases are unfair to households. My own experience reflects a much larger rise in recent years; a cap is warranted to protect ratepayers from disproportionate hikes.Auckland Council should adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget to save about $150 million through targeted reductions (personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations) and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7168,339041,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge the Council to prioritise restraint and efficiency in spending so ratepayers are not asked to fund a large uplift that far outpaces inflation.Key concerns and constructive objectives:1) The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. The impact on households is significant with the average rates bill now about $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) despite inflation of around 12 percent. A more affordable path is required.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Current data show high personnel and support costs with 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries and substantial spend on consultants. A reduction in these areas would protect essential services.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants and contractors totals $590 million with $126 million per year across the Council group. Cutting these costs and renegotiating supplier arrangements would help constrain rate increases.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves; funding should be redirected to essential services with clearer climate and community benefits.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. In the current financial environment halting non-essential recruitment could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) department which is cited as $10 million per year. These are responsibilities more appropriately directed to central government or targeted community initiatives rather than municipal core services.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget supports a 2% reduction in new Council spending capped to achieve around a 3% rate rise via targeted savings in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I request the opportunity to speak at

hearings to elaborate on these proposals. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7170,339039,,Rodney,Do not support most,Key facts support a rethink. The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of an average bill of $4069. Since 2022 the real increase in rates is 30% (in 2022 dollars) well above cumulative inflation of 12%. The rate rise is allocated as: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. This is not affordable or fair.Auckland Council and CCO spending on consultants is excessive: $126 million per year across the Council group including about $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with the average consultant paid around $200k. Payroll and related expenses have grown sharply with 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries and 72 staff earning more than the mayor's $306741. Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 far above inflation.The Council should reduce spend on corporate and backroom office functions and curb consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase them. I also call for the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately. I urge cutting Maori-specific spend including the $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a local government core function.Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates at about 3%. This includes: $50 million by reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million by capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.We were promised that rates would be reduced not expanded with the restructured council. Bigger government means bigger waste; this must stop.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7191,339018,,Rodney,Do not support most,Key points:1) Oppose the 7.9% increase. The real lift since 2022 is 30% (in 2022 dollars) while inflation sits around 12%. A 7.9% increase compounds this disparity and exceeds household capacity. The average residential bill is currently about $4069 with an estimated $320 extra per household under the proposed plan.2) Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget. Cap average residential rates increases at 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) allocated as: - Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million3) Cut wasteful expenditure. The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and slow or stop the expanding spend on consultancy and professional services.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million/year it costs for not a clear net carbon benefit and therefore should be halted.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Reassess Maori-specific spending. The $10 million/year on the Māori

Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a local-government role and should be redirected to core council responsibilities.These steps would reduce ratepayer burden while maintaining essential services and accountability.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7209,339000,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the 7.9% average increase and urge Council to control spending instead of passing the full uplift to ratepayers. The current average residential bill is $4069 and rates have risen 85% since 2010 far outstripping inflation. Of the proposed 7.9% increase 4.4% goes to CRL operating costs with 2% for existing asset maintenance and 1.5% for new assets to support growth. This structure places a heavy burden on households already paying more than double inflation over the past decade in real terms.Agrees: I support reducing expenditure in key areas as follows:- Cut corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to grow.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Disagrees: none.Additional points: Control overall spending to ensure ratepayers are not burdened beyond inflation and align services with statutory requirements and essential community needs.Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% of total expenditure) can cap the rate increase to about 3% through targeted efficiency gains:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million from cap on consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsI request the opportunity to present at hearings to expand on these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7211,338998,,Rodney,Do not support most,Key positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would roughly add $320 to the typical household bill on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and well above cumulative inflation.- Reduce corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants totals $126 million per year with the Auckland Council parent alone receiving $60 million and typical consultants averaging about $200000. This is untenable while ratepayers face rising bills.- Cut consultancy and professional services rather than increasing these expenditures. The current trajectory is not sustainable for households.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this would save at least $17 million immediately and shows prudent targeted belt-tightening.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government function.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiate contracts to reduce costs including vendor consolidation where appropriate.- Improve supervision

of daily tasks especially in maintaining parks and reserves to ensure efficient use of resources.Alternative budgeting framework:I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to cap average residential rate increases at about 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent). Specific reductions: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from caps on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing note:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7217,338992,,Rodney,Do not support most,The case for restraint is clear: rates have risen by 85 percent since the Super City era well above inflation and population growth. The current proposal would push the average residential bill by about $320 while real-term costs and annual spending pressures continue to mount.Key points1) Rate rise and affordability. The proposed 7.9% increase translates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a now $4069 average rates bill. This represents a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) with inflation running around 12%. Aucklanders deserve a plan that grows value not a perpetual rise in costs beyond inflation.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs. Council and CCOs collectively spend large sums on consultants (about $126 million per year) and six-figure salaries (6123 staff with 464 paid over $200000; 72 staff earn more than the mayor). Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 far outpacing inflation. Corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure. These costs are not aligned with delivering essential services efficiently.3) Targeted spending reductions and payroll restraint. The submitter supports reducing expenditure on corporate/backroom functions across the Council and CCOs capping consultant spend and freezing staffing for non-essential roles. A targeted freeze/attrition approach could deliver significant savings immediately.4) Specific program and Māori outcomes spend. The Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and claimed to emit more carbon than it saves should be cancelled. I also urge curbing the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) portfolio consistent with the view that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spend.5) Alternative budget approach. The Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of about 3% for residential rates. This would be achieved by: $50 million each from personnel costs and consultant spend $30 million from contract/vendor renegotiations and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. During difficult times focus on core functions.I request the Council to consider these measures and to prioritise value for money and essential services over further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7221,338988,,Rodney,Do not support most,I write as a ratepayer who opposes the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urges a substantial reduction in non-essential and backroom spending.1. Overall rates and affordability- I oppose the average 7.9% rise. This translates to about $320 more per household and a real burden on households already facing high costs. Since 2022 rates have risen by around 30% in real terms while inflation has been far lower. The council

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

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Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill stands at $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent well above cumulative inflation. The Council should align rate increases with inflation or lower and pursue substantial savings elsewhere.Agreed positions and evidence-based concerns:- Oppose the 7.9 percent average residential rates increase. A zero increase or a reduction is more consistent with aims to improve affordability and stewardship of ratepayers' money.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The current spend on consultants and contractor services is excessive with $126 million per year Council-wide and an

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a targeted reduction in wasteful spending across the Council and CCOs. The current and proposed trajectories are not affordable for households and fail to prioritise core statutory duties.1. Rates and affordability- The proposed average 7.9% increase would add about $320 to the typical household bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. This is well above inflation and population growth and it is not acceptable to place the entire burden on ratepayers while discretionary costs continue to rise.2. Spending reform and backroom costs- I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on

corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating and personnel costs including consultants have grown far faster than inflation and population needs. A disciplined approach to reorganising staff and reducing non-essential roles is long overdue.- I agree the Council should cut spend on consultancy and professional services and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to deliver real savings.3. Specific cost-saving measures- I support canceling the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose and seek a reduction in Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function.4. Budget direction- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) can cap rates increases at around 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt these savings and reject the proposed 7.9% increase in its current form.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates growth at 3% and to deliver real savings. Specific actionable measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving about $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants by $20 million.I also urge the Council to discontinue wasteful and non-essential programmes. In particular:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' budget of around $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Additional context from the Alliance indicates that consultant and contractor spending is high (about $590 million; $126 million annually across the Council group) and corporate and back-office functions constitute substantial direct expenditure. A more disciplined approach to these areas will help restore confidence and protect essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

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