


# Annual Plan 2026/2027

## Written Feedback

## Henderson-Massey Local Board

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7044

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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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 constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for responsible reduction in wasteful Council spending. Key points- I oppose the 7.9% average increase and note it translates to about $320 more per household on top of a long-run 30% real increase since 2022 against about 12% consumer inflation. The current average bill is $4069.- Spending reform is essential. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise to about 3%. This requires a focus on: 1) Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze

saving $50 million. 2) Capping spending on consultants saving $50 million. 3) Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation saving $30 million. 4) Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- I urge significant reductions in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and a reduction in consultancy and professional services rather than continued growth in these areas.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) on the basis that it costs more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I support reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government role.Additional aim- I propose a phased approach to reduce overall council spending by about 10% per year to restore affordability and focus on core municipal services.ClosingI request the opportunity to contribute constructively at hearings if invited but I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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N/A

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**#7045**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a comprehensive review of Council spending to protect households from further cost-of-living pressures.I understand the 7.9% rise is broken down as 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. While I recognise the need to maintain critical infrastructure the overall increase is excessive when set against inflation and population growth since the Super City amalgamation. The current average residential rates bill is now $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase of 30% since 2022 and well above cumulative inflation of

12%. I urge the Council to target savings instead of broad rate hikes.From my reading of the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing I support the following positions Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this role is not a function of local government.I also support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates at around 3% by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.I respectfully request that the Council recognise these concerns and implement substantial efficiency measures before passing a higher rates bill. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and in support of significant reductions in wasteful Council spending. I note the Council's current average residential rates bill stands at $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% well above inflation.Key concerns and positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9% and request that rates rises be limited to around 3% or less aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs including personnel costs and six-figure salaries where

growth has outpaced inflation.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services; cap or cut external contracts to prioritise core statutory and essential services.- 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; such a freeze could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government role.Additional context- The Ratepayers' Alliance framework proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate rise at 3%: - $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI respectfully request careful consideration of these measures to protect household affordability and ensure Council spending aligns with essential local government functions.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further increases. The briefing shows annual consultant spend at about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000 and personnel and other expenses rising faster than inflation. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have grown far more than inflation over the last decade.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. Additionally I request a freeze on staffing or a reduction in payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.I further request cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) if the function is not a core local government responsibility as argued in the Alliance briefing.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3% by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants reshaping our budget priorities.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge extensive belt-tightening across the Council and CCOs to protect households from another large jump in costs.Key points1) Rate increase and affordability- The 7.9% average rise equates to about $320 extra per household on top of a 4069 average rates bill. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The Council must not pursue increases that outpace inflation for everyday Aucklanders.2) Expenditure reductions and prioritisation- The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy

and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. Current data show consultant spend around $126 million per year and payroll/contractor costs running high with dozens of six-figure salaries.3) Specific programme and staffing savings- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government responsibility.Alternative budget framing- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This should be achieved through personnel reforms a hiring freeze for non-essential roles capping consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI appreciate the need for essential services and asset maintenance but the proposed rates hike is unaffordable for many households. A disciplined transparent cost-reduction plan is essential to avoid placing an excessive burden on Auckland families.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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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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N/A

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

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- **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?

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7095**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The planned rise would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a rates bill that has risen from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 today a real increase of roughly 30 percent since 2022 (well above inflation).Key concerns- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase will cover CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets to accommodate growth. In the current fiscal climate this level of uplift is difficult for households to bear.- Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outpacing cumulative inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A more restrained approach is required that prioritises core statutory services over

discretionary spends.- The Council should prioritise responsible fiscal management by reducing corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs and by limiting consultancy and professional services expenditure.- The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves; cancelling this programme is a prudent first step.- Freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Alliance calls for cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a local-government core role.Alternative funding approachThe Alliance' proposed budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rates increase cap of about 3%. Key areas for reduction include: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million re-prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request the Council consider these measures and adopt a lower-rate path that protects essential services while delivering real cost containment.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **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.**

### 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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N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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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?

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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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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?

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

**#7098**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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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. This is unjustifiable given the real rate of increase since 2022 and the ongoing need to curb wasteful expenditure. The average residential rates bill is currently about $4069 with a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (well above cumulative inflation). The proposed split shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for existing asset maintenance and 1.5% for new assets; the overall burden falls squarely on households.I urge the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which caps the average rate rise at around 3 percent by cutting non-essential expenditure by at least $150 million. Specifically

Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Cap spending on consultants: $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionAgreed positions Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services instead of continued growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government function.Additional considerations Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well beyond inflation in recent years; reforming these areas should be prioritised to protect essential services.- A tighter evidence-based review of all discretionary items will help maintain service standards while delivering fairer rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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**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?

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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

**#7115**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and wish to be considered for hearings but I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing. My position is constructive and solution-focused.1. Opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase- The proposed 7.9% rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of an already high rate bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%well above inflation and population growth. I believe rates increases should be aligned with inflation and household affordability not automatic escalation.2. Reducing wasteful Council expenditure- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions

across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level of consultants and contractors ($590 million) and high payroll costs are unsustainable drivers of rate increases.- I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continuing discretionary spending on Māori-focused programmes separate from core local government responsibilities; the $10 million/year on Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed in favour of essential statutory services.3. Alignment with an affordable efficient delivery of services- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates a path to cap rate increases at around 3% by reducing new spending by about $150 million. Priorities should be statutory and essential services; negotiate contract terms consolidate vendors and direct savings to ratepayer relief.4. Additional cost-conscious actions- Target payroll and salary packages to KPI outcomes and tie cost reductions to measurable results.- Improve IT and back-end efficiency with prudent use of new technologies (including AI) to reduce reliance on external consultants.- Improve road repair efficiency through smarter technology and staffing realignment with a focus on high-density main roads and avoiding needless rework.ClosingI urge the Council to implement meaningful spending controls prioritise essential services and keep rate increases well below inflation while delivering value.

## 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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7117

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

This level of uplift is not affordable for households and is not justified by the Council's reporting of the costs of growth and asset maintenance.Key concerns and demands:1) Rate increase: oppose the 7.9% rise and support capping the increase closer to 3% by prioritising savings elsewhere. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) despite overall inflation running around 12%. The 7.9% mix is split into 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs; this allocation is not acceptable given the scale of waste and inefficiency elsewhere identified.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs:

the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which are rising while essential services suffer. Annual consultant spend of about $126 million (including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent) and payroll/contractor costs rising faster than inflation are unsustainable.3) Specific savings measures: - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles (this alone could save at least $17 million immediately).- Cut Maori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae given concerns about the appropriate role of local government.4) Alternative budget and governance: adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance approach to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieving a base rate increase around 3% through targeted reductions: personnel costs cap consultants renegotiate contracts and prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points: Reducing overall council expenditures should be the default not the exception so that essential services and ratepayers' interests are protected.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7122**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending to keep rate increases to a sustainable level.1. Rate increase and spending priorities- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates uplift equating to about $320 for the average household is excessive when compared with inflation and population growth since the Super City reforms. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far above cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%).- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase goes to CRL operating costs with 2% for existing asset maintenance and 1.5% for

new assets tied to growth. This pattern warrants scrutiny and adjustment to ensure value for ratepayers.2. Spending reductions and reform- The Council should cut back on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services expenditure which has been running high.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year given its carbon emissions profile versus savings.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies a measure that could save at least $17 million promptly.- Contain Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae/ Māori outcomes portfolio about $10 million per year which local government should not bear alone.3. Alternative budget framework- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap average residential rate increases to around 3%. This would be achieved through: - $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational changes and hiring freezes; - $50 million from capping consultant spending; - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a disciplined budget approach that protects essential services while reducing wasteful expenditure. This will better reflect the current financial pressures faced by households and small businesses.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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

#7126

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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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 7.9% rise which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of roughly 30 percent while inflation has run about 12 percent. This level of increase is unsustainable for households on fixed or modest incomes including many pensioners like myself.I support significant reductions in wasteful or non-essential Council spending to curb rates growth. Specifically Reduce personnel costs by freezing hiring for vacant non-essential roles and implementing organisational change to lower payroll costs which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services which

currently totals around $126 million annually across the Council group with substantial roles and salaries in the consulting area.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to unlock further savings targeting a substantial reduction in external contracted services.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to better align spending with core Council responsibilities.I also oppose ongoing discretionary programmes that do not align with core local government priorities. In particular Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and by some assessments emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department (~$10 million per year) arguing that these functions are not the proper remit of local government.Additional context: I acknowledge that the Council has growing costs related to asset maintenance and CRL operations but these should not justify across-the-board rate hikes that disproportionately affect households on fixed incomes. A disciplined approach to spending reformincluding eliminating backroom function overheads and reducing consultant usecan help cap the rate rise to around 3 percent as proposed in the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (with inflation at 12%). This is not affordable for many ratepayers including pensioners on fixed incomes.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and back‘office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services. Current data show high levels of payroll and external contracts that do not align with essential service delivery.- The Food Scraps Programme costing approximately $36 million per year should be cancelled given that its carbon savings do not justify the expense.- Freeze hiring and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non‘essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) department should be reassessed as this is not a core local government duty.Supporting context- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping population growth and inflation. A tighter approach to discretionary spending is required to restore ratepayer confidence.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget demonstrates that reducing new spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) could cap the increase to around 3% aligning with a more affordable sustainable approach to council services.Additional pointsTime and resources should be redirected toward basics and statutory services not grandiose schemes or initiatives that erode household budgets.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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

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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

**#7147**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this briefing in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and in support of substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.The proposed increase is well above inflation and does not reflect value-for-money spending by the Council. The breakdown shows 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 by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. Given these trends I urge the Council to align rates with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes a 3% cap by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction). This

approach would preserve essential services while reining in wasteful expenditure.I agree the Council should urgently reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services. Annual consultancy spend totals around $126 million across the Council group with average consultants earning about $200000 and $590 million spent on consultants and contractors overall. Direct payroll costs are high with a payroll of $1.3 billion and many six-figure salaries; freezing vacancies and limiting non-essential hires could save at least $17 million immediately.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. Rather than funding this programme funds should be redirected to core statutory and essential services.I oppose ongoing or expanded Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million per year on Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes). In my view this is not a function of local government and should be redirected toward essential services that benefit all residents.In closing I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7151

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed rise would amount to about $320 for the average family and reflects a real increase well above inflation since 2022. I therefore support significant restraint on council expenditure and smarter prioritisation of core services.Agreeing positions and requested actions Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase and advocate for a cap nearer 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 (costs $36 million/year) which 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 such as the $10 million/year for the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government responsibility.Additional point Improve road maintenance pragmatically by avoiding unnecessary tar seal road bumps and address potholes by reallocating the seal budget to road repairs where it is most needed.Context data and expectations Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth show far smaller increases.- Spending on consultants and related personnel costs has grown disproportionately; there is a strong case for renegotiating contracts vendor consolidation and eliminating non-essential roles.- The Alliance's proposed alternative budget suggests relaxing staff growth and prioritising essential statutory services.Closing:I request that my submission be considered in full and that the council align rates with real needs and responsible spending.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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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7154

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The impact of such a rise in the current climate would add roughly $320 to the average household bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (inflation-adjusted). I urge Council to prioritise value for money and essential services over ongoing growth in operating costs.Position 1 " Rate increase: I oppose the 7.9% rise and seek moderation in line with inflation in real terms. The rate burden should be managed by prudent savings rather than automatic annual growth especially given the scale of past increases since the Super City amalgamation (rates up 85%).Position 2 " Spending on consultants and professional services: I support reducing spend on consultancy and professional

services. Current data show approximately $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k. A lower reliance on external advisers would help keep rates more affordable for households.Position 3 “ Staffing and payroll: I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles. The proposal to maintain or expand headcount in discretionary areas is not sustainable. A freeze would save at least $17 million immediately and contribute to keeping rates in check.In addition I support the Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget framework to cap average residential rate increases at around 3% by identifying $150 million in savings through Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze- Capping spending on consultants- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors- Favouring statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsI urge Council to prioritise essential services and demonstrate responsible stewardship of public funds rather than continuing a trajectory of rising expenditure that falls hardest on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7156,339053,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I acknowledge the proposed increase is described as 7.9 percent (approximately $320 for the average household) on top of existing rates growth. The briefing shows the breakdown: 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85 percent far outpacing inflation and population growth. Given this context I urge Council to prioritise affordability and value for money.I strongly support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2 percent reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. Specifically Freeze or reduce payroll costs by ceasing recruitment for non-essential roles and pursuing voluntary separations where feasible aiming to save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services with an initial target of $50 million in annual savings.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to recapture savings of around $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to focus resources where they are most needed with at least $20 million redirected.In addition to these measures I oppose the ongoing expenditure on items that do not demonstrate clear value to ratepayers Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and per Alliance assessments emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.Respectfully while I understand the need to fund essential infrastructure the proposed 7.9 percent rise is excessive in the current climate. A disciplined reduction in corporate backroom costs and consultancy expenditure would better reflect ratepayer interests and deliver essential services with greater efficiency.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7204,339005,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed rate increase and urge the Council to prioritise restraint in operating costs and a rigorous review of non-essential expenditure. The current trajectory shows a real ongoing increase in rates that far outstrips inflation

and population growth since the Super City amalgamation. The breakdown of a 7.9% rise2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdemands scrutiny and reform to protect households from unsustainable bills.In line with constructive savings I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance premise to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services rather than allow continual growth in these areas. The Council should also eliminate the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and as argued by ratepayers groups emits more carbon than it saves. A freeze on staffing or a reduction in payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.I further call for reducing Māori-focused spending including the ~$10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I understand should be a function better suited to other levels of government. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants is essential to achieving a manageable rates outcome.Additional practical steps include engaging recognised reliable local contractors close to job sites to limit unnecessary travel costs and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to realise further savings.Alternative Budget Perspective Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates at ~3%.- Items: personnel cost controls cap on consultants vendor consolidation prioritising essential services.Sincerely{name redacted}22 Kotare PlaceSandspit Warkworth{email redacted}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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7218,338991,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I am submitting to oppose Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. The proposed rise is excessive especially given the real increases since 2022 and existing cost pressures on households.Key concerns- The 7.9% average increases translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-term trend where rates have risen 85% since 2010 well above inflation and population growth. The breakdown2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets 4.4% for CRL operating costsshows that a large share funds ongoing commitments rather than prudent restraint.- The Council must curb wasteful spending. Annual consultant spend runs to $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200k. Direct payroll and related costs are ballooning while discretionary expenditure remains unrestrained.- Specific program trims are warranted: cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which appears to emit more carbon than it saves and freeze staffing or cut vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Targeted reductions in non-core areas are essential. A substantial cut to Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) should be considered since local government has limited mandate in this area.- The Alliance's alternative budget approach suggests a 3% cap by reducing new spending by $150 million through: cutting personnel costs via hiring freezes capping consultants renegotiating vendor contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional point- Stop treating ratepayers as an ATM. We expect Council to prioritise essential services and core statutory obligations not expansive and discretionary programmes funded by increased rates.I urge Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alternative Budget principles and proceed with a substantially lower rate increase aligning with improved efficiency and restraint in non-essential spend.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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7233,338976,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a downward revision to align with responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds.Key points- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 2022“2025 real increase of 30% in rates (versus 12% inflation). This is unsustainable for households already facing cost pressures.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and sharply cut consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and according to independent assessments emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Financial framing- The Council's spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year across the group with average individual consultant pay around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well above inflation in recent years. A leaner organisational structure and renegotiated contracts are essential.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average rate rise at about 3%. This would involve: 50 million cut in personnel costs and 50 million on consultants 30 million via contract renegotiations and 20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Wayne we voted for you to cut spending and reduce staffing. We have seen the opposite. Just remember Election Day will tell the Story.Closing I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **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.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7276**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and I urge the Council to instead pursue significant expenditure reductions to keep rates closer to inflation and protect households from unsustainable cost pressures.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to approximately $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (versus 12% headline inflation). This rate rise is not affordable for many residents and undermines affordable living in Auckland.- Spending discipline is urgently needed. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and

aggressively cut spending on consultancy and professional services which siphon public funds without delivering proportional value.- Consider the Food Scraps Programme: it costs about $36 million per year and on balance emits more carbon than it saves. It should be reviewed or cancelled to protect ratepayer value for money.- Payroll restraint is essential. Freezing staffing levels and not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately. This keeps payroll growth aligned with budgetary reality.- Maì„ori-specific spending should be scrutinised. The $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government function; this funding should be redirected to statutory and essential services.Alternative budget proposalRatepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) capping the average rate increase to around 3% by Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping consultancy spending: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionClosingI urge the Council to adopt a prudent value-for-money budget that aligns with inflation and protects households while focusing on essential services and financial efficiency.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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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N/A

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

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**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?

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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

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7320**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed rise would equate to about $320 for the average household on top of a rate burden that has grown 85% since 2010 outpacing inflation and population growth.Key points- The 7.9% increase is broken down as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. After years of heavy growth in payrolls and consultants ratepayers cannot absorb another broad-based uplift without substantial cost reductions.- Consolidation of backroom functions and a reduction in consultant and professional services are essential. The council group spends around $126 million annually on consultants with $60 million

by the Auckland Council parent and average consultants earning roughly $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and staff costs have risen sharply.- Wasteful or non-core programmes must be trimmed. The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and in the submitter's view emits more carbon than it saves. A focus on core statutory services is overdue.- The Māori outcomes expenditure (Ngā Mātārae) totals about $10 million per year; the submission argues this should be reviewed with greater emphasis on core local government functions.- The proposed increase is unsustainable given the alternative budget proposed: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) funded by freezing non-essential staffing capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants. These measures would help cap rates at around 3% and protect essential services.Additional points- The council should focus on delivering core services efficiently utilising local SMEs and reducing layers of management and consultants. There should be proactive cuts to escalating traffic management health and safety and perceived 'cultural PC fluff.' We cannot afford perpetual expenditure growth.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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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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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7322**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending. The current plan would raise the average residential bill by about $320 on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of about 30 percent while inflation has risen around 12 percent. I request the Council instead cap rate increases and prioritise essential services.Key points- Oppose the 7.9 percent increase: the burden on households is disproportionate especially given the Council's stated 2 percent for asset maintenance 1.5 percent for growth-related assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. A more restrained approach is

warranted.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions: the Alliance notes about $126 million per year in consultant costs across the Council group with substantial payroll and six-figure salaries. A rationalisation of corporate costs would help stabilise rates without harming statutory services.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs: halting hiring for non-essential roles and freezing vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut consultancy and professional services: stop expanding external expertise where not essential to core services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme: at a cost of $36 million per year this programme should be reviewed as it is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending: the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department should be reassessed as this is not a core local government function.- Reprioritise development contributions: spend the development contributions collected from developers on upgrading infrastructure such as sewerage and stormwater to address contamination issues during heavy rainfall and protect beaches and streams.Additional point- Direct development contributions to infrastructure upgrades will improve resilience and environmental outcomes aligning spending with essential services and core community needs.ClosingI request that the Council consider a revised budget that reduces non-essential spend and caps rate rises to around 3 percent using savings from personnel consultants and non-core programmes to protect critical services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7325**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

My position is shaped by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing which shows that recent rate increases have far outpaced inflation and population growth and that there are clear deliverable savings available.Key points1) Expenditure reductions are essential. The Council must reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and also reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines.2) Eliminate wasteful schemes. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.3) Freeze payroll and hiring. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs

by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this would save at least $17 million immediately.4) Reallocate funding away from Māori outcomes where unnecessary. The Alliance notes the ongoing $10 million per year for the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department. While engagement with communities is important this is not a core local government function and should be reviewed for alignment with statutory responsibilities.5) Overall financial discipline. The Council should focus on statutory and essential services first and scale back discretionary grants; renegotiate contracts and pursue vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings.Rationale- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase contrasted with a long history of cost growth is unsustainable for households. The detailed spending profile in the Alliance briefing shows that personnel costs consultants and other expenses have risen well ahead of inflation compounding the burden on ratepayers.- By implementing the outlined savings$50 million reductions in personnel $50 million cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million toward essential servicesthe Alliance's suggested package would cap the rate rise to around 3% (subject to final budgeting). This aligns with prudent governance and protects households from excessive increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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

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N/A

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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?

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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

**#7329**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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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 urge Council to adopt substantial savings and reprioritisation to protect household budgets.Key points for consideration The proposed average 7.9% rise equates to around $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and a cumulative inflation exposure of about 12%. This is unsustainable for households already facing cost pressures.- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spending on consultancy and professional services rather than increasing these items further.- I urge cancelation of the Food

Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year which I believe emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori Outcomes' Department which amounts to about $10 million per year arguing that this is not a function of local government.In line with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget I endorse reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rate increase at approximately 3%. Specifically $50 million savings from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes.- $50 million savings from capping spending on consultants.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I respectfully request that the Council prioritise these efficiencies and return to a more moderate rate path aligned with inflation and household affordability while continuing to deliver essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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.**

### 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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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7343**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere voice to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending before any further rate rises.The case for restraint is clear. The proposed increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of rates already higher by 30% in real terms since 2022 (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This pattern after years of elevated expenditure warrants a pause and reallocation toward core services rather than higher charges on households.I supports

a City-wide rebalancing of spending toward essential services and away from backroom and consultancy costs. The Council's expenditure on consultants runs at roughly $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant paid about $200k. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen far faster than inflation between 2022 and 2025. Eighteen corporate and business support functions consumed $868.4 million in direct expenditure; payroll is $1.3 billion. These figures signal an opportunity to streamline and prioritise.I also call for the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves and for freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential rolesan immediate potential saving of at least $17 million.A focused reduction in discretionary and non-essential spending should accompany a cap on rate increases. The Ratepayers' Alliance model suggests reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) achieving a 3% cap on residential rates. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I urge the Council to adopt a leaner budget that protects essential services while delivering fairer rates for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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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

**#7344**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average residential bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent far exceeding both inflation (12 percent) and population growth (22 percent). The proposed 7.9 percent including 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs is not affordable for households.2) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants totals $126 million per year across the group with the Auckland Council parent contributing $60 million and average consultants earning around $200000. Eighteen corporate and business support functions cost

$868.4 million in direct expenditure; personnel costs and other expenses have risen well beyond inflation.3) Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services. The current trajectory of rising external advice is unsustainable and should be halted through targeted savings and internal capability.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it costs more in emissions abatement than it saves and it does not represent essential government service at the local level.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately and would help align payroll with essential services.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a function of local government and should be redirected to statutory and core services.7) In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at around 3 percent achieved through payroll restraint consultant caps vendor renegotiations and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request that my submission be considered in full and that I be advised of hearings details if relevant. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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### 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

**#7389**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 a program of prudent spend reductions to protect households particularly where rates are already stretched.Key positions1) Oppose the 7.9% increase and support a restrained rates path. The current average residential bill is around $4069 and real increases since 2022 are already ~30%. A rate rise above inflation is not warranted when there are clear opportunities to trim waste.2) Target expenditure reductions across the Council and CCOs. A substantial portion of costs sits in corporate/backroom functions and management layers that do not directly protect essential services for residents. Reducing these

costs should be a priority.3) Cut consultancy and professional services spend. Consultants and contractors total about $590 million with $126 million per year across the Council group. Reining in these expenses must occur before any further rate increases.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. It costs about $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect funds to essential services with clearer environmental and community benefits.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles can save at least $17 million immediately. A staffing pause or more selective recruitment will help balance the books without harming core services.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending. The briefing notes around $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a role of local government. Reallocations should prioritise statutory and essential services.Additional pointsIn rural areas with limited public transport and infrastructure consider these disparities when setting rates as urban subsidies effectively support the city at the expense of rural communities.Alternative budgeting approachAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping residential rates increases at ~3% through targeted reductions in personnel consultants contracts and discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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### 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

**#7393**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. The rate rise is excessive. The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 more per-year for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and far outstripping overall inflation. Rates have risen 85% since the Super City amalgamation while population growth has been far lower underscoring the need for restraint rather than another round of growth in charges.2. Wasteful spending and backroom costs must be addressed. The Council and its CCOs collectively spend about $126 million per year on consultants with the Auckland Council parent alone accounting for $60 million and typical consultants averaging $200k. Direct operating

expenditure and staff-related costs have grown well ahead of inflation while eighteen corporate and business support functions drove $868.4 million in direct expenditure. These figures demonstrate a clear opportunity to reduce non-essential spend.3. Reducing payroll and non-essential staff costs. The current payroll stands at about $1.3 billion. Freezing vacancies and avoiding hires for non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately and further savings are achievable through organisational review and a hiring moratorium where appropriate.4. Targeted cost cuts must accompany any rate change. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. In addition there is scope to cap spending on consultants renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors totalling significant savings.5. Reprioritise statutory services over discretionary grants and reduce special programmes. The Alliance's proposed budget suggests redirecting funds away from discretionary items toward essential services.I urge Auckland Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) and cap the average rate rise to around 3% by addressing personnel costs consultant spend contract renegotiation and prioritising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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?

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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

**#7412**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a steadily rising bill that has grown 85% since 2010. Rates increases must be aligned with inflation and actual service priorities not growth in backroom spending.Position and rationale1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9%. This level is well above inflation and fails to demonstrate value for money for Auckland families who are already bearing high cost of living pressures.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current data show substantial payroll and support costs that do not correspond to proportional gains in frontline

services.3) Curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The annual $126 million in Council group consultancy with average consultants earning around $200k is not sustainable and should be reined in.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to essential services with proven impact.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 including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function required of local government.Policy alternativeAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average rates increases at about 3% by $50 million saving from personnel cost controls- $50 million from limiting consultants- $30 million via contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request a clear evidence-based plan to deliver these savings and a revised rate scenario consistent with a 3% cap. 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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## 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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## 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

**#7413**

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

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### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed 7.9% average increase. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% cumulative inflation). The rate rise is being allocated 4.4% to CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This structure compounds the burden on households despite evidence of outsized growth in spending.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services. Current figures show $126 million per year across the Council group on consultants including $60

million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning about $200k. Direct operating expenditure has risen well above inflation and payroll alone totals about $1.3 billion. A smaller more efficient organisation is essential before asking households to pay more.I support concrete cost-saving measures aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget including a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) to cap rates at around 3% Freeze or reduce personnel costs by not hiring for non-essential vacant roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save around $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.These steps are critical if we are to avoid pursuing a further wasteful expansion of spending that outstrips inflation and population growth.I oppose the continued expenditure on targeted programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which according to independent assessments costs more in emissions than it saves. I also question the $10 million/year allocated to Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) as a core local government responsibility and believe funds should be redirected to essential services.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

**#7429**

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### Tell us why

My positions Oppose the 7.9% rate rise for residential ratepayers and recognise the need to keep rate increases within and around inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a defined local government core function.

I don't agree that Maori get a hearing that Non-maori don't. The Treaty of Waitangi makes no mention of partnership.- Prioritise core services and hugely limit or cancel discretionary services especially given national changes to well-being legislation.- stop spending on Christmas and other religious rites including but not limited to Maori spirituality.- Seek a halt to spending on high-profile cultural and community events and non-essential festivals that do not directly support essential services: Cultural & Community Festivals:  Pacific Music Awards Big Gay Out Auckland Korean Day and Auckland Moon Festival.Arts & Performance: Auckland International Buskers Festival Auckland Pride Festival Interact Festival and Printopia 2026.Heritage & Local Interests: Auckland Heritage Festival Takapuna Winter Lights and EcoFest 2026.Maritime & Sporting: Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta and Iwi of Origin.Seasonal & Regional: Farmers Santa Parade and Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park- We should trim council staffing and remuneration and avoid unnecessary expansions of projects that are not essential to residents' daily needs.- We shouldn't allocate any further money on extending the Whau cycle/ walkway through the mangroves. We already have the option of quiet streets and footpaths to reach New Lynn.Additional points I wish to emphasise A focus on core services and limits on discretionary projects now that central government has altered well-being funding.- Preserve existing essential services and infrastructure while avoiding expansion of non-essential programmes.- A transparent value-for-money approach to procurement renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to reduce costs.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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**#7434**

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### Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a cap on wasteful Council spending. The current rate burden on households is already substantial with the average bill now about $4069 and a real increase of around 30% since 2022 (despite 12% cumulative inflation). A further 7.9% rise is not justifiable.Key positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase. The ratepayer community expects restraint and value for money not continued growth in costs driven by operating and backroom expenses.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner

organisation is essential to deliver essential services at sustainable rates.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance data shows $126 million per year across the Council group with high contractor costs; cutting these would lower rate rises.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At about $36 million per year it emits more carbon than it saves and is not aligned with core local-government obligations.5) Freeze staffing 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/year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). In my view this is not a core local-government responsibility and should be reconsidered.7) Support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3% through targeted reform: $50m on personnel costs $50m on consultants $30m on contracts/vendor consolidation $20m on prioritising statutory/essential services.I urge the Council to prioritise statutory and essential services achieve greater efficiency and adopt the proposed savings to keep rates as low as possible while maintaining service quality.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7462**

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

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### Tell us why

I submit this submission to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The rate rise is not affordable for households when real living costs are rising and rate bills have already increased sharply since 2022.Key concerns and positions Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%) and the current proposal would push households further into financial strain.- Support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rates by cutting non-essential spend:

reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieving an average rate increase of about 3%. Specific measures include: (a) freezing or reducing payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (b) capping consultant spending (c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors and (d) prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- Target wasteful spend: reduce personnel costs and back-office functions across the Council and CCOs; reduce consultant and professional services; oppose continued growth in six-figure salaries and overall payroll which now stands at about $1.3 billion.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) and its claimed carbon savings and redirect resources to essential services.- Freeze staffing or retire vacant roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department which is not a typical local government responsibility.Additional points Reassess roading projects and avoid 'Obstructioneering' practices that unnecessarily restrict traffic flows and add costs including road humps that cost around $500k each.- Reconsider parking removals that deter people from the city centre recognising the link between parking availability and economic activity.In conclusion a responsible budget must prioritise essential services curb wasteful back-office and consultancy costs and bring rate increases in line with inflation. I request that a revised plan be brought forward with the stated $150 million in reductions and a 3% or lower rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7518**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the 7.9% increase (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2022 residential rates have risen by about 30% in real terms far outpacing total inflation. The proposed split of the increase2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth in new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsconveys a heavy burden on households at a time of cost pressures.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget and reduce new council spending by $150 million capping the rates rise to around 3%. Specific measures I support Reduce personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes saving about $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants

and professional services saving about $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors saving about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.I also support the call to reduce wasteful backroom and corporate functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services expenditures rather than allowing ongoing growth. I agree with cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and emissions appear not to justify the savings). Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately. I disagree with increasing Māori-specific spending outside core local government duties including the approximately $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae).Additional context: many ratepayers including my family are feeling the squeeze and promises to cut costs should be reflected in policy choices and budgets. I urge a measured approach that slows rate increases prioritises essential services and stops widening the gap between budgets and households' ability to pay.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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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N/A

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

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**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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### 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

**#7564**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

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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 I urge the Council to rethink the rate rise and prioritise structural cost reductions.Key concerns- The proposed average 7.9% increase equates to around $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% inflation). This outstrips value received by residents and businesses.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. Reducing reliance on escalating operating costs and new capital spend should be prioritised before higher rates.- Council spending on consultants totals $126 million per year across the Council group

with average consultancy pay around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation while direct operating expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023. These trends indicate inefficiencies that need addressing before increasing rates.Agreed actions to reduce rates- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb 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 reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or cut payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Implement targeted reductions in Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a local government core function.Alternative budget logic- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3% via: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.In summary a prudent evidence-based approach indicates significant scope to reduce wasteful expenditure and bring rates closer to inflation. I urge the Council to adopt these efficiencies before imposing a higher-than-inflation rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

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**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?

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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

**#7589**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for cutting wasteful Council spending and for tighter cost controls.1. Rate increase opposition and inflation context- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to about $320 for the average household. Rates have increased 85% since 2010 well above inflation and population growth. A more modest increase is needed while focusing on core services and efficiency.2. Reducing wasteful and bloated spending- The Council should 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.- Implement a staffing freeze or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this function is not a core local-government mandate.3. Alternative budgeting and core-function focus- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- The Council should prioritise essential services and statutory obligations rather than large discretionary programmes and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve savings.4. Additional considerations- Rate increases like this contribute to inflationary pressure compounding cost of living pressures for households.- The Council must stick to its core functions and not expand non-essential programmes that strain budgets.ClosingI request a careful review of spending with a focus on reducing waste and delivering essential services efficiently to keep rates affordable. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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### 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

**#7613**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and request Council to pursue substantial savings before any rates uplift.Key concerns and rationale- The proposed 7.9 percent increase equates to about $320 per average household. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A smarter restraint-based approach is required.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase is tied to CRL operating costs with 2% to maintain existing assets and 1.5% for new assets due to growth. This signals a need to review capital and operating momentum before

raising bills further.- Council spending is heavily weighted toward consultants with $126 million per year across the group and $60 million by the Auckland Council parent. The average consultant earns about $200k. Payroll and contractor costs have risen faster than inflation while operational expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023.- Across corporate functions and backroom services direct expenditure is substantial (eg 18 corporate and business support functions costing $868.4 million). This supports a strong case for reductions in non-essential administrative costs.What I propose (based on the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget)- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases to about 3%.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles (saves at least $17 million immediately).- Curb spending on consultants by $50 million with contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation saving a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants aligning budget with core responsibilities.Additional points- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year on the basis that it emits more carbon than it saves.ClosingI urge Council to adopt a disciplined evidence-based approach to budgeting that prioritises essential services and reduces wasteful expenditure before increasing rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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?

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

#7618

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concern: the proposed 7.9% increase is excessive with an estimated $320 extra per average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85%far outstripping inflation and population growthyet many operating costs continue to rise unsustainably. I oppose any increase above inflation and insist on prioritising essential services and responsible budgeting.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase to around 3% through concrete steps Reduce personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving about $50 million.-

Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.In addition I urge the Council to act on the following specifics Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year due to its higher carbon emissions relative to savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which can save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Other notes: the Council's heavy reliance on consultants ($126 million per year across the group; $200k average per consultant) and elevated personnel costs are unsustainable. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation. A more prudent leaner budget should protect essential services not inflate rates to fund backroom functions and discretionary programmes.I request that these points be considered and that the Council adopt a fiscally responsible path with lower rates increases and clear priority on statutory services over non-essential expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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### 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

**#7652**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 call for immediate fiscal restraint to protect households from another real-terms rise.Key concerns and position1) Rates affordability and value for money: The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to approximately $320 more per household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A return to prudent budgeting is required not rate hikes that outpace households' ability to pay.2) Expenditure restraint and reform: The Council must reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs

and curb consultancy and professional services. Current data show $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with average consultant pay around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have grown well ahead of inflation.3) Waste reduction and programme review: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to projections emits more carbon than it saves.4) Payroll and staffing discipline: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Prioritise core services over discretionary expenditure: Cut or reallocate spend on Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) and other non-essential programmes. The alliance positions that 'Māori-specific' spending should be limited as it is not a core local government remit.Alternative budget approach- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average residential rates at around 3%.- Implement a hiring freeze cap consultant spend renegotiate contracts and prioritise statutory/essential services.ClosingI request a clear acknowledgement that rates should not exceed inflation and that savings measures outlined above be considered in the draft plan. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

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**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### 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

**#7669**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed rates increase. The 7.9% rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30% (in 2022 dollars) amid 12% inflation. Rates have grown 85% since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far exceeding population growth and inflation. Given these pressures I urge the Council to pause further rate hikes and pursue meaningful savings.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's analysis identifies $126 million per year in consultancy spend across the Council group

with significant dollars absorbed inside the Auckland Council parent. A tighter organisational structure hiring freezes on non-essential roles and renegotiation of vendor contracts are essential steps.I also call for policy decisions that reflect value for money and environmental responsibility. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and per the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. I urge prioritisation of statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and a pause on non-core initiatives until financial conditions improve.To achieve real rate relief I endorse the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates increases at about 3%. This includes freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles (potential saving of at least $17 million) capping consultant spend by $50 million and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation for a further $30 million. I also support targeted reductions to non-core programmes including reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on Ngā Mātārae where such functions are not a municipal responsibility.Enough is enough. Hardworking Aucklanders cannot keep paying more while wages fall behind inflation. I urge prudent cost controls and debt reduction.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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.**

### 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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N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **Water service strategies**
- **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.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **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. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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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

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces**

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7672**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current plan would push the average residential bill from $4069 toward a near $4389 example for the average household with the real increase since 2022 already about 30 percent in 2022 dollars and inflation at 12 percent. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. I believe reductions are needed to bring rates back toward inflation and affordability.Agreed positions (policy you want included)- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent; seek a cap near 3 percent by prioritising efficiency.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spending on

consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and from analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a local government core remit.Additional context and alternative budgeting- The Ratepayers' Alliance suggests a programmatic reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to constrain rates increases while preserving essential services.- Proposed reductions include: $50 million in personnel costs $50 million in consultants $30 million in contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to adopt a disciplined savings approach reallocate to essential services and avoid an excessive rate rise that burdens households and stifles growth. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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.**

### 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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N/A

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

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- **Auckland's spatial plan**
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**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?

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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

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7682**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this response as a resident who uses a wheelchair and is struggling with rising bills. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending to protect households like mine.Position and requests- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. The average bill is about $4069 now; a 7.9% rise compounds financial pressures on already stretched households.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Wasteful spending should be cut so funds support essential services.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The

Council should limit external contracts and build internal capability where possible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the Alliance's view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a function of local government.- Support the Alliance's alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary spending.Additional contextGiven my financial situation and ongoing health challenges I am especially sensitive to rate increases. Aligning rates with an approach that prioritises core services and prudent governance will help households maintain basic living standards and access essential municipal services without unsustainable cost growth.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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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**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?

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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

**#7740**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Opposition to the proposed rates rise- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). The current average bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 amount to about 30% in real terms far above inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for existing asset maintenance 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs; this level of uplift is unacceptable without demonstrable efficiency gains.2) Call for major expenditure restraint- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should wind back consultancy and professional services spending which

remains high and grows faster than inflation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which purportedly saves carbon but appears not to deliver net emissions benefits.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government remit.3) Support for an accountability-led alternative budget- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cut) to cap average residential rates increases at about 3%. This would be achieved through: (a) organisational change and a hiring freeze to save $50 million; (b) capping consultant spend at $50 million; (c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation for $30 million; (d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.4) Closing and hearing preferenceI request that the Council consider these points with seriousness and implement meaningful efficiency measures to control rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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**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?

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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7754**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal submission in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The Council already faces a real sustained rise in operating costs since 2022 with rates growth well above inflation and population growth. The proposed 7.9 percent increase is being allocated across maintaining existing assets (2%) new assets (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%) yet these figures do not reflect the scale of wasteful spending and ineffective programmes across the Council and CCOs.I support reducing expenditure on

corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reducing consultancy and professional services costs. The Alliance briefing shows consultant spend at approximately $126 million per year and staff-level costs rising sharply. A cap on consultancy and a focus on in-house capability would lower the rate burden.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves. Redirecting resources to essential services will deliver greater local benefit with lower environmental cost.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which the briefing estimates could save at least $17 million immediately. This aligns with prudent budget management while protecting essential services.I support cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a statutory local-government remit. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants will improve value for ratepayers.Additional point: rates were purported to be less than 10% last year but we experienced a 24% increase in our rural area with no footpaths no sewerage or reticulated water and only a recent rubbish collection. There is a clear need for spending restraint before demanding higher rates.I request the opportunity to speak at hearings to further articulate these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7777**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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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% which equates to about $320 for the average household and I urge Council to align rates growth with inflation and population needs not a rate that compounds the real burden on households. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth; this trend cannot continue.I urge a comprehensive reduction in Council and CCO backroom and corporate spending and a halt to or significant curtailment of consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's spending guidance shows $126 million per year across the Council group on consultants with the average consultant paid around

$200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown well above inflation and payroll costs are rising rapidly. A real efficiency drive is needed not another round of rate increases.Specific actions I support (agrees) Reduce new and ongoing Council spending on consultants and backroom functions; target a substantial cut to reflect better prioritisation of statutory and essential services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and reportedly 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.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) function as this is not a core local government role.- Reprioritise budgets away from discretionary grants to essential services.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to about 3 percent when coupled with targeted savings in personnel consultants and vendor contracts.Additional point: there are too many people employed by the Council and too many workshops with insufficient demonstrable delivery of actual work.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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.**

### 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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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.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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

#7790

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 rise of at least 7.9 percent. The projected increase equates to about $320 for the average household atop a real increase in rates since 2022 that is 30 percent versus 12 percent inflation. It is essential that the Council prioritise containment of costs and avoid ratepayer-burden increases beyond inflation.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services spend. The current pattern shows substantial outlays on staff and external advisers that do not align with a prudent budget for core statutory and essential services.I support

cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it appears to save. Resources should be redirected to services that demonstrably benefit the community and environmental outcomes without unnecessary expense.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. This approach would also help restrain long-term personnel cost growth that has outpaced inflation.I oppose ongoing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should focus on statutory and essential services rather than certain discretionary programmes.To meet responsible budgeting goals I endorse a policy of reducing the Council's overall expenditure by about $150 million (2%) which would cap the rates increase at roughly 3 percent. This would be achieved through: (1) reducing personnel costs through organisation change and a hiring freeze; (2) capping consultancy spend; (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additionally consider training call centre staff to improve service delivery and avoid avoidable contact.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7796**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% and urge Council to reduce wasteful spending so rates increases stay closer to or below inflation and essential services are protected.Key concerns and proposed actions- Rate increase and affordability: The proposed 7.9% average rise would add about $320 to the average household bill on top of a current average of $4069. Since 2022 rates have effectively risen by roughly 30% in real terms well above inflation. I support reducing spending to cap rate increases at around 3% or lower consistent with a more affordable council.- Expenditure on corporate and backroom functions: Substantial savings are achievable by trimming corporate

and backroom costs across Council and CCOs.- Consultancy and professional services: Spending on consultants is substantial (about $126m per year across the Council group; $60m by the Council alone; average consultant around $200k). I urge capping and aligning this with essential needs and outcomes.- Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36m/year) as it currently emits more carbon than it saves and does not deliver value commensurate with its expense.- Staffing and payroll: Freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs which could save at least $17m immediately.- Māori outcomes expenditure: Reconsider the $10m/year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe this is not a core local government function and should be reconsidered in favour of statutory and essential services.- Overall budget discipline: Implement a 2% reduction in new Council spending package a total saving of $150m and use the savings to cap rate rises and protect core services. This includes renegotiating contracts vendor consolidation and a more stringent review of discretionary grants.Wayne Brown's leadership should reflect ratepayers' concerns and preferences for prudent spending.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7809**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending.The proposed rise is excessive when compared with inflation and population growth since the Super City amalgamation. The current average residential rates bill stands at about $4069 with real increases since 2022 at roughly 30 percent while cumulative inflation is about 12 percent. 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 costsshows that most of the burden falls on operating costs rather than essential

sustainable core services. I urge the Council to instead pursue prudent reductions in operating expenditure and backroom functions.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap the rate rise by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent). Specific actions include Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential vacancies which could save at least $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.A number of spending areas warrant immediate scrutiny Council and CCOs' heavy reliance on consultants: $126 million annually across the group with the average consultant paid about $200000.- The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves; this is a clear candidate for cancellation.- Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year for the Ngā Mātārae department should be reassessed as it is not a core local-government function.Given these factors a 3 percent cap on the rates increase is more aligned with fiscal responsibility and citizens' affordability. I urge the Council to adopt the measures above and to present a transparent prioritised budget that clearly reduces waste and protects essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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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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N/A

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

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**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?

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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

#7816

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am submitting my formal opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and I urge a program of responsible cost reduction across the Council and CCOs.The proposed rate rise is not affordable for many households when real increases since 2022 already total around 30 percent versus 12 percent headline inflation. The breakdown shows 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for growth-related new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. This means households face higher bills while the Council's expenditure patterns demand scrutiny.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom

office functions across the Council and CCOs and specifically curb spend on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance outlines a path to cap rate increases by reducing new spending by $150 million (about 2%) including: freezing non-essential vacancies to cut payroll costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. Of particular concern are high staff costs and extensive contractor pay; this is where savings can be found without compromising core services.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which is estimated at $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. Redirecting those funds to essential services would be prudent.Additionally I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose discretionary and non-essential Māori-specific spending in the Ngā Mātārae portfolio if it is outside the core responsibilities of local government.In summary I urge a disciplined review of operating costs a halt to growth in consultancy spend and a reallocation away from non-essential programmes to avoid unnecessary rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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?

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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

#7861

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key context and rationale- The proposed rise represents a real burden on households with the average residential bill rising from $4069 and a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (vs. 12 percent cumulative inflation). The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs that require scrutiny alongside a significant portion to maintain and expand assets.- Since the Super City amalgamation rates have increased by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. This is unsustainable for households and undermines confidence in Council governance.Position and requests1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9% and aim for a cap near 3%

by cutting non-essential spend.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.Financial structure and alternatives- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) prioritising essential services and reforming procurement and payroll practices. Specific savings categories include $50 million from personnel changes $50 million from consultancy caps $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to prioritise responsible budgeting curb wasteful spending and protect households from excessive rate increases. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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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**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?

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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

**#7878**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

This submission is made to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a comprehensive reduction in wasteful Council spending.1. Rates and budgeting- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms far outpacing inflation and population growth. The current average bill of $4069 has grown from $2781 in 2022; the real increase since 2022 is about 30% in dollarswell above the 12% inflation figure.- The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs driving the hike. This must be addressed by prioritising essential services and reducing non-

essential spending.2. Spending efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth (consultants cost about $126 million per year across the Council group).- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) because it does not deliver net emissions reductions and represents misaligned priorities.- Curb Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3. Alternative budget approach- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to about 3%.- This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from limiting consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.4. Accountability- Mayor and leadership must rein in cost growth; rate increases should align with inflation not exceed it.In closing I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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## 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?

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

**#7879**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this formal submission in a constructive and solution-focused manner regarding the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase for 2026/27.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase well above inflation since 2022. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a 30% real increase since 2022 (inflation about 12%) while population growth has not kept pace with such cost shifts. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets to accommodate growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure drives higher

charges and neglects efficiency opportunities.Position and proposed measures:1) Expenditure reduction across the Council and CCOs. The Council should cut back on corporate and backroom office functions and scale down consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to lift these costs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates a feasible path to cap rate increases at around 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) via Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: ~$50 million- Capping consultancy spending: ~$50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: ~$30 million- Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: ~$20 million2) Specific program cost reductions. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (estimated at $36 million/year) if it does not deliver net emissions savings. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll through not hiring for non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Review and reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) where a local government mandate is not evident.3) Cap wasteful spending and improve efficiency. Seek stricter controls on six-figure salaries consultants and corporate expenditure. Consider vendor consolidation and renegotiations to rebalance the cost base ensuring essential services are protected.Additional note: Why are CRL stations aligned to 'gold plated' fixtures? Fixtures should be fit for purpose and robust not designer luxury.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

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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

**#7880**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 this formal submission in opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reductions in wasteful Council spending. The proposed increase would raise the average residential rates bill by about $320 while the current average is $4069. This represents a real increase well above inflation and is inconsistent with prudent value-for-money local government.Key concerns- The 7.9 percent rise is inequitable and unsustainable. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A cap aligned to inflation or below (as proposed in the Alliance's Budget alternative) would better

reflect household budget pressures.- Spend on corporate and backroom functions must be reduced. The Alliance notes $126 million per year across the Council group for consultants with the parent Council alone spending about $60 million and average consultants paid around $200k.- Consultancy and professional services must be controlled. Spending on consultants and contractors totalled $590 million; direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 far exceeding inflation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it costs more in emissions than it saves and should be halted.- Freeze staffing and curb payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-focused spend. The $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori Outcomes department should be re-evaluated as it is a local government mandate not a standalone function.Proposed constructive path- Implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at 3% by: lowering personnel costs via freeze/structural change; capping consulting spend; renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request the opportunity to be heard at hearings to further outline these positions.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?

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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

**#7884**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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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 constructive solution-focused manner opposing the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urging a review of Council spending to ensure essential services are funded while reducing waste and backroom costs.Key positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The current average rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent in 2022 dollars well above inflation. A plan that delivers a 3 percent or lower increase is more affordable and better reflects ratepayer constraints.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The significant costs in

consultants (about $126 million annually) and high payroll levels are areas where savings can be achieved without harming statutory responsibilities.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these items. A cap on external advisory costs and more in-house capability will produce long-term efficiency.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million per year) due to limited net carbon savings. Redirect resources to essential waste services and higher-priority environmental programs.- 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 Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) funding of about $10 million per year acknowledging that many local-government functions should be priority-driven and publicly accountable rather than segregated.Additional context- The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-core activities. Cumulative reporting should show tangible outcomes for ratepayers.- A reduction in overall spending by around $150 million (through organisational change hiring freezes vendor consolidation and contract renegotiations) would cap the rate rise around 3 percent.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?

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7903**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key concerns- The suggested 7.9% increase is well above inflation and undeserved by the community. The current average residential bill is about $4069 with a real rise since 2022 of 30% while general inflation has been about 12%.- The rate rise breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets to accommodate growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure compounds unaffordable bills for households particularly when performance and efficiency are in question.Agreed positions and requests- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- 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 in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is reported to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which can save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending 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 role.- Stop adding targeted rates items to rural rate costs; rural ratepayers should not bear City infrastructure costs that do not align with their needs.Additional points- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; cap new council spending to keep rates growth within a sustainable path.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that a 3% cap is achievable with prudent reductions in personnel consultancy and vendor costs.ClosingI urge the Council to accept a materially lower rates path and implement the outlined reductions to return to prudent necessary services while safeguarding households from excessive bills.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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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?

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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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

**#7935**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

As a ratepayer on a fixed income I cannot accept an increase that effectively doubles inflation over the last few years while essential services are stretched.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9 percent increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a rising cost of living. I support capping rates increases to reflect inflation and prudent budgeting not growth of payrolls and non-essential expenditure.- The breakdown of the increase suggests 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs alongside 2 percent for existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets. I question whether such a level of ongoing operating cost growth is sustainable or value-for-money for

ratepayers.- Staffing and payroll costs have risen sharply under current arrangements with many six-figure salaries and a substantial number paid above the mayor's level. I request a freeze on vacant non-essential roles and a review of personnel costs to protect household budgets.- The Council's reliance on consultants and external professional services is a concern. Reducing these costs should be a priority before approving higher rates.- I oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year if it does not demonstrably deliver net carbon savings. I favour reallocation to essential services.- I oppose ongoing Māori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae department (Maori Outcomes) at $10 million per year arguing this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget and actionsBased on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance framework I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieving a 3 percent cap on residential rates. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from consultant spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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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

#7940

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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% and urge Council to limit rate rises to at most 3% by reducing wasteful expenditure and prioritising essential services.Key points The proposed 7.9% increase largely funds ongoing asset maintenance (2%) new assets for growth (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%). A more prudent approach is to cap total rate increases and target savings elsewhere.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance estimates a feasible reduction of $150 million in new Council spending (2%) to keep rates at about 3%. This would be achieved by: freezing non-essential staffing/hiring (savings of at least $17 million) capping spending on consultants and

professional services ($50 million) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million) and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).- Spending on consultants and contractors is excessive: about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving around $200k. Cutting this reduces costs without necessarily compromising core services.- The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and in the Alliance assessment emits more carbon than it saves; cancelling it would free funds for essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Alliance also recommends reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department arguing this is not a core local government function.In addition to the above I urge prioritising statutory and essential services and reviewing every discretionary grant to ensure value for money. Reducing backroom and corporate spend is essential to avoid rate hikes that outpace inflation and population growth.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to pursue meaningful reductions in wasteful spending before asking households to fund higher bills.Key concerns and positions Rates increase: The proposed 7.9% average rise translates to about $320 more per household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. I oppose any increase above inflation and support keeping rates increases to around 3% or less by addressing inefficiencies.- Expenditure reductions: The Council should reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these costs.- Specific programme cut: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing and payroll: Freeze non-essential vacancies and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending: Reconsider the $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a core local-government function; reallocate to statutory and essential services where appropriate.Supporting context The Council faces significant cost pressures from CRL operating costs and growth-related assets but the ratepayer burden has grown far faster than inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen markedly relative to population growth and inflation and many cost categories have outpaced inflation in recent years.- A targeted review of personnel costs consultant use and vendor contracts could achieve substantial savings without compromising core public services.Requested actions Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget framework: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rates increase to about 3% through: (1) staff and organisational efficiencies; (2) cap on consultants; (3) renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors; (4) prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- Ensure any retained programmes are demonstrably value-for-money and aligned with essential services to residents.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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## 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7944

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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 submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to roughly $320 for the average household. With current average rates at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30% (well above 12% inflation) I expect the Council to curb wasteful spending before asking ratepayers to carry more cost.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget and implement meaningful reductions in expenditure funded by simplifying operations and cancelling non-essential projects. My specific positions are:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and keep the increase aligned with inflation

or lower by prioritising essential services over discretionary spend.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate/backroom functions across the Council and CCOs; overhaul spending to remove duplicative or non-core activities.3) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Curb consultancy and professional services; reduce spend in this area rather than continuing to grow it at pace.5) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government. I also oppose continuing special treatment for Maori landholders in ratepayer funding.Additional point: absolute stop to funding for Maori outcomes as ratepayers do not fund Maori landholder rates; focus on core local-government statutory duties.If implemented the above measures would reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase to around 3% and ensuring essential services are protected.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a major reining-in of wasteful Council spending. The impact on households is significant: the average residential bill is expected to rise by about $320 while rates have already grown 85% since the 2010 amalgamation outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%).Key points- I oppose the 7.9% average increase and insist the Council reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation and staff and contractor costs have risen sharply.- I support cutting the spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level of consultant spend (approximately $126 million per year across the Council group) is excessive and should be capped with a target of real savings.- I reject continuing to fund discretionary programmes without clear value to ratepayers. Specifically I call for the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves and was not put to ratepayers for approval.- I urge freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose expanding Māori-specific spending through the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that these are not core local government responsibilities; the Alliance's position is to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- If reductions are not achieved the alternative budget proposed by ratepayers including a 2% reduction in new spending outlines concrete savings: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising essential services.Additional pointThe Food Scraps policy has not demonstrated broad ratepayer support and its costs are disproportionate to the assumed benefits.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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7955**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose a rates rise that far exceeds inflation and real household income growth. The proposed 7.9% increase equates to approximately $320 more per year for the average household on top of a 30% real increase in rates since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and a cumulative inflation of around 12%. I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap the rate rise at 3% by reducing new spending and waste in admin and backroom functions.Key reasons for my opposition and preferred actions Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs to restore value for ratepayers.- Repress expenditure on consultancy and professional services which is rising faster

than inflation; cut these costs to protect essential services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a statutory local government function.Additional context: The Council's proposed costs include 4.4% for CRL operating costs and significant spend on consultants and six-figure salaries with payroll and related expenses rising well above inflation. A targeted reductionespecially in personnel consultancy and discretionary projectscan enable a much more modest sustainable rate path while preserving essential services.I request that the Council prioritise statutory and essential services cut discretionary spend and align the rate path with achievable efficiency gains before imposing further burden on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#7975**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Core position- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and insist that rate rises are limited to at most 3% through targeted deficit reduction and efficiency measures. The current rate burden is already substantial with the average residential bill around $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30%.2. Efficiency and cost reduction priorities- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spending on consultancy and professional services should be reduced not expanded.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capped

at a 3% rate rise. This includes a freeze on non-essential roles and vacant positions socialising a immediate saving of at least $17 million and targeted reductions in payroll costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and on current estimates emits more carbon than it saves.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-core activities.3. Staffing and Māori outcomes- 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 disagree with continuing or expanding the current level of Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes function; I believe local government should focus on core statutory duties.4. Additional concerns- I oppose unnecessary speed bumps road crossings and bus/cycle lanes if they are funds-draining with little net benefit as they represent avoidable waste and congestion pressures on ordinary households.In closing I request that the Council consider a plan to cap rates increases by implementing the stated efficiency measures and programme cancellations and to present a concise costed plan at hearings. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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**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?

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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

**#7988**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current plan adds approximately $320 to the average household bill on a base of $4069 with the real increase since 2022 already at about 30 percent (against 12 percent inflation). The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs with 2 percent for existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets. This level of growth is unsustainable for households.- I support a more prudent approach to Council spending. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes lowering total new spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. This can be achieved by: 1) Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential

roles (savings of at least $50 million); 2) Capping spending on consultants and professional services (savings of $50 million); 3) Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation (savings of $30 million); 4) Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants (savings of $20 million).- There are specific programmatic reductions that align with budget discipline. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the Alliance view emits more carbon than it saves. I also urge freezing staffing growth and reducing payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could yield at least $17 million in immediate savings. Finally I advocate reducing Maori-specific spending including the $10 million/year for the Maori outcomes unit (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.- The Council and CCOs should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and other non-essential expenditure. This refined focus will better protect households from unnecessary rate increases while delivering core services effectively.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8085**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is approximately $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent while cumulative inflation sits around 12 percent. A 7.9 percent rise far surpasses inflation and burdens households already stretched by cost pressures.I support reducing spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I oppose the continued rise in consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's data show consultant expenditure at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. I request reform here including a freeze on non-essential hires and a

review of vendor arrangements to unlock savings.Specific measures I support include Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emissions-wise does not appear to deliver net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes department which represents about $10 million per year arguing this is not a function of local government.I also urge consideration of the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed budget approach to cap rate increases at 3 percent by reducing spending by about $150 million (2 percent overall). This would be achieved through organisational change and hiring freezes ($50 million) capping consultants ($50 million) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million) and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).I voted for prudent spending and am dismayed that wage and consultant costs have continued to rise. Keeping rate increases in line with inflation is a simple reasonable request for households during squeeze periods.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

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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

**#8102**

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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 careful evidence-based review of spending to bring rates in line with inflation and actual needs.Key concerns and evidence- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%well above cumulative inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A more restrained path is required.- The rate increase is unevenly allocated: 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure warrants scrutiny to ensure funds are used efficiently.- Spending on

consultants is excessive: $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. There is a strong case for capping consultancy and renegotiating contracts.- Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation; payroll is $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors total $590 million. Eighteen corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure.- Critical prioritisation is needed. The proposal should prioritise statutory and essential services and curb discretionary grants that do not align with core local government responsibilities.- Specific reductions the Alliance proposes: reduce new spending by $150 million (to cap rates rise at about 3%) freeze non-essential vacancies (saving at least $17 million) and cut spending on consultants by $50 million. Additional savings include contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million) and reallocation toward essential services.Additional points- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance also identifies the Food Scraps Programme as a $36 million/year cost with carbon outcomes not clearly demonstrable and questions Māori-focused spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department ($10 million/year).Why this matters- A 7.9% increase funding already ballooning since 2010 undermines household affordability and undermines confidence in managed efficiency. Wayne Brown campaigned on reducing wasteful spend; this is an opportunity to demonstrate business-like accountability.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?

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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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# 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

#8127

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 this rise and advocate for substantial restraint on wasteful and non-core spending.The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (versus 12 percent cumulative inflation). This is excessive when much of the growth burden falls on households already stretched by high living costs.I support the following reductions and reforms Cut corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Current payroll and non-operational costs are excessive for a city of Auckland's size.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Council and CCOs together spend hundreds of

millions each year on external advisers often with limited proven value.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this measure could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Maori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not view as a core local-government function.I propose an alternative budget aligned with a 3 percent rate increase by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% restraint). Specific improvements include $50 million saved from personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze.- $50 million saved by capping consultancy spend.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.These steps would ensure essential services are protected while eliminating wasteful expenditure that inflates rates without corresponding public value.I request to speak/present at hearings; however 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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### 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

**#8133**

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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 base my submission on the evidence provided by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance and request consideration of tighter fiscal discipline to protect households.Key points supporting my position:1) Rates increase and affordability: The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 more per household. Since 2022 rates have risen 30% in real terms (Inflation-adjusted) while overall inflation has risen around 12% placing a disproportionate burden on ratepayers.2) Spending priorities and backroom costs: The Alliance highlights substantial expenditure on consultants ($126 million per year across the Council group) and six-figure salaries for many staff with a payroll

approaching $1.3 billion. I call for reducing corporate and backroom office functions and freezing non-essential roles to deliver savings.3) Reducing reliance on external services: The Council should curb spend on consultancy and professional services and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to deliver meaningful reductions.4) Specific programme rationalisation: The Food Scraps Programme is costly (estimated $36 million/year) and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I urge cancellation of this programme as a priority efficiency measure.5) Staffing and Māori-specific spending: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Additionally reduce Māori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million/year arguing that such a sector-specific remit is not a core local government function.Additional points The Council should focus on statutory and essential services prioritising core responsibilities over discretionary grants.- Look hard at internal expenses and cut internal items described in this submission; stop targeting ratepayers who already bear a heavy burden.Closing:I request that the Council consider a substantial restraint in overall expenditure to bring the rate rise closer to 3% by reducing new spending by around $150 million as proposed in the Alliance alternative budget.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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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**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?

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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

#8138

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 this objection to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and call for a thorough reduction in wasteful Council spending.1) Rate increase and spending priorities- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase; this equates to about $320 more per household and far exceeds inflation. The current average bill is $4069 with real increases since 2022 exceeding 30% while general inflation has run lower.- The $36 million/year Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it emits more carbon than it saves and diverts funds from essential services.2) Wasteful expenditure and reform- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office

functions across the Council and CCOs and slow the growth of consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these costs.- 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.- Curb Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core function of local government.3) Context and equity- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85%well above inflation and population growth. It is reasonable to demand tighter control of budgets before imposing further levies on households pensioners and residents on fixed incomes.- The Council's expenditure on consultants and contractors ($590 million) and personnel costs exceeding revenue growth are out of step with households facing rising costs.4) Alternative budgeting approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposed a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) to cap the average rate rise at around 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs; $50 million from consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations; and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.In addition I note concerns that Green Waste/Food Scraps programs have not been adequately consulted and petition against ongoing rate increases without spending discipline. If the Council proceeds it risks losing the support of ratepayers who must bear these costs.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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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8140**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The rate rise is not affordable for households and it sits against a backdrop of excessive and growing council spending.Key concerns The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. It amounts to about $320 extra per average household while real rate increases since 2022 have reached 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation.- A large portion of the increase goes to CRL operating costs and staffing costs have risen well beyond inflation. This represents a misalignment between requested increases and essential service delivery.- The Council must reduce wasteful expenditure. Monthly and annual spending on consultants and backroom functions is unsustainable. The Alliance

estimates $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid about $200k.- The Council should cancel discretionary programmes that do not meet core local government responsibilities. In particular the Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The payroll and hiring practices require tightening. Freezing non-essential vacancies and reducing payroll costs would deliver immediate savings potentially at least $17 million.- Māori-focused programmes should be scrutinised. The Alliance questions the $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as a function of local government and I support reallocation toward statutory and essential services.In addition I urge the Council to implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative: cap rate increases by reducing new spending and controlling personnel consultants and vendor costs. Specifically Reduce personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze: around $50 million- Cap spending on consultants: around $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: around $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: around $20 millionIn line with these points keep bureaucrats in check on salaries and spending and improve performance while cutting costs.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

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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

#8211

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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### Tell us why

Key positions1) Oppose the 7.9% rates rise. The rate increase represents approximately $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 versus only 12% cumulative inflation. A rate rise of this level is unsustainable for households and inconsistent with maintaining affordability.2) Cut wasteful and non-core spending. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately and free funds for essential services.3) Reduce consultancy and professional services. The Council

must cap and reduce spending on consultants and external contractors rather than continuing to expand these line items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The $36 million/year programme should be halted as it costs more in emissions and externalities than it saves.5) Target Māori-focused spending. I disagree with continuing to fund the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department at about $10 million/year which funds activities that should be addressed by central government and not local authorities.6) Core services first; no vanity or commercial non-core activities. The Council must not engage in non-core functions or vanity projects and should avoid commercial activities that move away from statutory responsibilities and essential services.Alternative budget logicIf expenditure is reduced by at least $150 million (2%) the average residential rate increase could be limited to around 3%. This would require prioritising statutory services negotiating better vendor terms and simplifying organisational structures.ClosingI request that my submission be considered in the hearings process and that the Council moves to materially reduce wasteful expenditure before imposing further 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?

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8228**

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and I urge a focus on cutting wasteful spending before asking ratepayers to bear higher bills.Key points The proposed 7.9% average rise is excessive. It includes 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 by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth and households are already paying more than double inflation in real terms.- There must be immediate reduction in corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs. The current level of personnel and overhead costs is

unsustainable and disproportionate to core statutory services.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The annual $126 million across the Council group including substantial amounts to external advisers should be reallocated to essential services.- 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 freeze would directly save at least $17 million now.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a role of local government and funds should be redirected to essential services.- The Alliance's proposed alternative budget demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) can cap rates increases at about 3% by prioritising statutory and essential services and by improving efficiency through vendor consolidation and renegotiations.Additional point Salaries are too high for some posts and need scrutiny to align with service delivery priorities.Closing:I request that the Council consider these savings measures before approving any rate increase and report back on concrete steps to reduce wasteful 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

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8231

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this consultation response in a formal and respectful tone presenting concerns about the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and offering evidence-based alternatives to curb wasteful spending.Key points- The proposed 7.9 percent increase would place an ongoing burden on households at a time when Council costs and staff expenditures have grown substantially. The Ratepayers' Alliance recommends pursuing substantial reductions in wasteful or discretionary spending to keep rates affordable.- The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and

professional services rather than continue to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves to redirect funds to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government role.- The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and review contract terms to achieve savings including renegotiations and vendor consolidation where possible.- A more prudent approach aligns with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap a typical residential rate increase around 3 percent.Rationale- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85 percent outpacing inflation and population growth. A tighter control of operating and personnel costs is warranted to protect households and business continuity.- Direct operating expenditure consultants and payroll have grown far faster than inflation while several backroom functions do not directly serve ratepayers' core needs. A leaner organisation can deliver essential services more efficiently and at lower cost.ConclusionI urge the Council to implement the outlined savings measures to limit rate increases and protect essential services. 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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## Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

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

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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

**#8249**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed rates increase and urge the Council to reduce expenditure across the Council and CCOs. The 7.9% rise equating to about $320 for the average household is well above inflation and places a continued burden on households that are already under cost‘of‘living pressure. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation (34%) and population growth (22%) and the current plan would compound that disparity.I am concerned by the scale and composition of spending driving the rate rise. The Council should reduce spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and rein in consultancy and professional services which

currently amount to approximately $126 million per year across the Council group. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% between 2013 and 2023 well above the 29% inflation and personnel costs continue to rise disproportionately.I support the following measures to cap rates and reinvest in essential services Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non‘essential roles a move that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a feasible path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) delivering a maximum average rates increase of about 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs caps on consultants and vendor consolidations while prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional context: Auckland has become unaffordable for many residents and ratepayers are being squeezed amid rising living costs. A prudent reduction in wasteful expenditure should be the priority before imposing further increases on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
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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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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland’s longer-term future

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8268**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Opposition to the proposed rates riseI oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms well above inflation and the current plan would deepen this burden on households already stretched by high living costs. I support capping the increase to around 3% by prioritising affordability and essential services.2. Reducing wasteful Council spendingThe Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services costs. The ratepayer-funded spend on consultants is excessive at about $126

million per year with the average consultant reportedly earning around $200000. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation in recent years and personnel costs have risen disproportionately. A leaner organisational structure is needed.3. Specific spending reductions aligned to the alternative budget- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on assessments emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average rates increases at around 3% through targeted personnel reductions capped consultancy spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.4. Additional prioritiesConsider halting funding to AT and stopping cycleway projects that are unlikely to deliver proportional public benefit as examples of reducing non-essential expenditure.ClosingI request that the Council give serious consideration to these saving measures and the proposed cap on rate increases to protect households from further disproportionate bill shocks.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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### 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

**#8278**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a disciplined reallocation of spending to protect essential services and households.Key points guiding my submission:1) Rates increase: The proposed 7.9% average rise is excessive. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase well above inflation since 2022. I support holding or reducing rates to align with inflation and local household affordability.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A substantial reduction in

senior payroll consultants and contracted services is essential to restore value for ratepayers.3) Consultants and professional services: Freeze or substantially cap spending on consultancy and professional services. The current pattern of rising external expertise is unsustainable and diverts funds from frontline services.4) Discretionary programmes: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme funded at $36 million per year which costs more in emissions than it saves. Reallocate funds to statutory and essential services.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Maori outcomes funding: Freeze or greatly reduce this spend$10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae)as this is not a core local government function.Budget alternative:Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3%. This should be achieved through Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionConclusion: Given the evidence of rising costs and the availability of prudent savings I urge Auckland Council to reject the 7.9% rate increase and adopt the above efficiency measures. 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

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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

**#8284**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 I oppose any rate rise above a prudent level aligned with inflation and population growth.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a historic 85% rise since the 2010 amalgamation far exceeding inflation (12% since 2022) and population growth (22%). This is not sustainable for households.- A sizeable portion of the increase funds CRL operating costs (4.4%) while essential maintenance (2%) and growth-related assets (1.5%) are insufficient to justify such steep uplift.- Council and CCO spending on backroom and consultancy services remains excessive:

$126 million annually across the group with Auckland Council itself carrying about $60 million and consultants averaging $200k each. Payroll and related costs have surged well beyond inflation with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor.Agreed positions and preferred adjustments- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and seek instalments or reductions to bring total increases in line with inflation plus modest growth overruns.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; cap consultancy and professional services spend.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at a cost of $36 million per year as it emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget guideAdopt a targeted $150 million reduction (2% cap on new spending) to limit the rate rise to around 3% prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that the council consider these reductions and adopt a responsible value-driven approach to spending that protects essential services while keeping rates affordable.I do not wish to speak my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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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# 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

#8306

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to approximately $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates well above inflation since 2022.- The proposed breakdown includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. I urge rigorous scrutiny of these costs and demand better value for money.- Auckland Council has a substantial spending profile on consultants and backroom functions. Annual consultant spend across the Council group is about $126 million with the average consultant roughly $200000. I request prioritisation of core services and structural efficiency.- I support

reducing personnel costs by freezing vacancies and halting non-essential hires which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continuing to expand discretionary and consultant-heavy expenditure. A reduction in consultancy and professional services is essential to constrain rate increases.- I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I oppose allocating funds to Māori-specific departments such as Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) at $10 million per year arguing that these functions fall outside core local government responsibilities.- Under the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget a 2% reduction in new Council spending could cap the rate rise at around 3% achieved by: $50 million savings from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ConclusionI urge the Council to adopt substantial expenditure reductions before increasing rates focusing on staff costs consultants and non-core programmes. If possible I request a public hearing to further discuss these concerns.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8318**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key position- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This equates to about $320 more for the average household on top of a real rates rise that has outpaced inflation and population growth since 2010.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current cost of personnel six-figure salaries and extensive corporate support is excessive for a city of Auckland's needs.- Cap and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services. Council and CCOs collectively waste funds on external advisers rather than delivering core services efficiently.- 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. Halting new hires in non-critical areas would save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary equity spending.Rationale- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have behaved far more modestly. The proposed 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus maintenance and growth costs compounds financial pressure on households already affected by elevated living costs.- A targeted efficiency programme is overdue: reduce back-office roles renegotiate major contracts and consolidate suppliers to deliver essential services without extreme rate hikes.Alternative approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3% by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request to speak at hearings to present these concerns directly. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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.**

### 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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N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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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?

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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

**#8319**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending. The proposed rise would amount to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069 representing a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) far exceeding general inflation.I support the following positions and align with the need for restraint on expenditure Oppose the 7.9% average rates increase and seek to cap growth through targeted savings and reform.- 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 emits 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 such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government responsibility.A constructive path forward is to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) thereby keeping the average rates increase to around 3% $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze.- $50 million from capping spending on consultants.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.These steps would align expenditure growth with population and inflation realities and protect ratepayers from outsized increases while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8320**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the proposed rates increase and support a more prudent approach to Council spending. The current plan would see an average residential bill rise to about $4069 a real increase well above inflation and population growth since 2022 with a cumulative rate rise of 30 percent in real terms since 2022. The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase directed to CRL operating costs while 2% covers maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This level of growth is unsustainable for households facing higher living costs.Agrees (submitter positions)- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate

and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million right away.- The Council should cut Maori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.In addition I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget to curb overall spending by about $150 million (2% reduction) thereby capping the rate rise to around 3%. This would require targeted actions: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge careful consideration of spending reductions alongside any rate increases as outlined above to relieve pressure on households while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

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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

**#8340**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to advocate for reductions in wasteful Council spending. My position is informed by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing and current Council financial pressures.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real rates increase since 2022 (versus 12% general inflation). This level is unsustainable for households while many costs rise broadly.- A substantial portion of the increase funds CRL operating costs (4.4%) with only modest room for growth in existing assets (2%) and new assets

(1.5%). This weighting merits scrutiny against outcomes delivered.Spending and efficiency priorities- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance highlights $868.4 million in direct expenditure for 18 corporate and business support functions and a payroll burden of about $1.3 billion. A leaner structure is warranted.- Cap and reduce consultancy and professional services. With $126 million annually in consultant spend across the Council group and average consultants earning around $200k there is clear potential for savings through renegotiation vendor consolidation and predictable staffing models.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae). This is presented as a local government function outside core statutory obligations and savings should be explored.- Redirect funding toward essential statutory services over discretionary grants to protect core public services.Budget alternative- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping average residential rates increases to around 3% through targeted reductions outlined above.ConclusionI urge the Council to prioritise core services improve efficiency and limit rate increases to inflation-aligned levels. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8352**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a program of careful reduction in wasteful Council spending prioritising essential services and value for money.1. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent versus 12 percent inflation. A more modest increase is warranted if we are to protect households from unaffordable bills.2. Targeted savings must be found in corporate and backroom spending. The Council and CCOs should reduce expenditure on consultants and professional services which currently accounts for substantial cost

across the organisation. A reduction here would directly lower the rate requirement.3. Reconsider discretionary programmes with questionable climate or cost-benefit outcomes. I support canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to services with proven public value.4. Freeze or reduce payroll costs and reallocate staff resources to essential services. Freezing staffing or not filling vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately helping to curb the rate rise while maintaining core services.5. Restructure non-core Māori-specific spending. I oppose ongoing separate funding for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year which I see as outside the essential role of local government. Resources should prioritise statutory obligations and essential services.6. Budget discipline aligned to reality. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows that a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) could cap the rate rise at about 3% through targeted savings in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and re-prioritising discretionary grants.I respectfully request the opportunity to speak at hearings to explain these points in person. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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?

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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

#8360

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

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

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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%. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a cumulative real increase since 2022 of 30 percent while inflation runs around 12 percent. A more responsible path is to limit rate increases to fit a more modest data-driven expenditure plan that prioritises essential services.I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan including a cap on new spending and a reduction in

consultants offers a credible route to a lower rates outcome.I also disagree with continuing or expanding non-essential programmes that drive costs without clear net benefits. In particular I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. I also support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department funding of about $10 million per year where it is argued this is not a traditional local government remit.To align with a prudent affordability approach I urge the Council to pursue the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed budget adjustments: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) cap personnel costs cap external consultancy renegotiate contracts and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. A focused review of corporate and business support functions and vendor consolidation could offer material savings.Additional point: limit the expenditure on road conestheir costs add up and could be redirected to core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **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.**

### 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8362**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive given that the real increase in rates since 2022 runs well above inflation (approximately 30% in 2022 dollars vs. 12% cumulative inflation). An increase of 7.9% would continue to outpace household earnings and living costs.- A substantial portion of the rise is tied to ongoing costs of CRL operating expenses (4.4%) new asset funding (1.5%) and asset maintenance (2%). A meaningful rebalancing is needed to ensure rates reflect essential

services and prudent long-term financial stewardship.Agreed positions and concrete savings- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow these costs to rise further.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (approximately $36 million per year) on the basis that it costs more in carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the grounds that this is not a core role of local government.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increases to around 3% by: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that Council seriously consider these savings and prioritisations to protect households from unaffordable rate pressure while ensuring services remain essential and prudent.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

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- **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?

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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### 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

#8366

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and in support of materially reducing wasteful Council spending. My observations are grounded in the Alliance briefing and focus on delivering essential services while controlling non-essential costs.Key points- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The proposed rise translates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 despite overall inflation of about 12 percent. There is a clear case for moderation.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current

payroll and broad support costs are disproportionately high relative to outcomes for residents.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance indicates annual consultancy costs of $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k suggesting significant room for efficiency and renegotiation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department on the basis that this is not the role of local government.Alternative budget alignment- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (approximately 2%) which caps average rate increases to around 3 percent through targeted actions: - $50 million via personnel cost reductions from organisational changes and hiring freezes - $50 million by capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that the Council consider these cost-control measures and the 3 percent cap as a more responsible balance between essential services and affordable rates. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **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.**

### 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8374**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this evidence-based submission in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average 7.9% rates rise. The proposed increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (with inflation at 12%). The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets. Such costs are unsustainable given the Council's track record of rising personnel and consultancy expenses.I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council

and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. Current data show $126 million per year in consultancy across the group with the Auckland Council parent absorbing $60 million and average consultants earning about $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen far faster than inflation while the payroll stands at about $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at $590 million. Eighteen corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure.I agree the Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also support capping spending on consultants and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve substantial savings.I agree the Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and significantly reduce non-essential programmes. I also support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year directed to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I consider not a core local government function.In summary I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping rates increases to around 3% and implementing the outlined savings measures.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8379**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Opposition to the proposed rates increase and an alternative budgetThe proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase is well above inflation and place a disproportionate burden on households. I support using the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which caps the rate increase at around 3 percent by reducing new spending and rebalancing priorities. This approach focuses on ensuring essential services are funded while limiting the growth of rates.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending; cut consultancy and professional servicesThe Alliance data show Council and CCO payrolls and consultancy costs are excessive with $126 million per year

spent on consultants across the group and $590 million on consultants and contractors. I urge the Council to implement significant reductions in corporate and backroom functions and to rein in consultancy spend to align with the alternative budget while preserving core public services.3) Cancel the Food Scraps ProgrammeI support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Redirecting those funds to essential services would improve value for ratepayers and reduce unnecessary emissions.4) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs; avoid non-essential hiresFreezing staffing and avoiding vacant non-essential roles can deliver immediate savings. The proposed approach of not filling non-essential positions could save at least $17 million promptly contributing to a more sustainable rate path.5) Reassess Maori-specific spending and governance structuresI support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) where not aligned with local government roles. Reallocating funds toward statutory and essential services ensures spending matches core Council responsibilities.ClosingI request that the Council consider the above priorities and the alternative budget framework to protect ratepayers from excessive increases and to curb wasteful expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8398**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a constructive solution-focused way to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial changes to wasteful Council spending.I oppose the 7.9% increase and call for a deliberate reduction in non-essential spend. The proposed rise represents a real burden on households with the current average bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30% (versus 12% in overall inflation). The rate rise should be aligned with inflation and population growth not exceed practical limits.To achieve meaningful relief I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (roughly

2%) enabling an average residential rate increase of about 3%. This should be achieved by Reducing personnel costs through proper organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and external 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 line with these priorities I urge the Council to Cut expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase those costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and 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.- Limit Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government role.Closing: I would welcome the opportunity to speak at hearings if invited. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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**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?

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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

**#8399**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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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 percent and urge a substantive reduction in wasteful Council spending before asking households to fund more.The current environment requires restraint not optimism about ever-higher bills. The rate rise comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has progressed around 34% and population growth around 22%. In real terms this is unsustainable for ratepayers especially when many households are still recovering from the pandemic era.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance modelling shows substantial savings are

achievable. I support lowering operating waste by cutting corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs and reducing expenditure on consultants and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in these areas. Specifically I urge Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million/year) which based on available analyses emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could provide meaningful immediate savings (at least $17 million).- Cap and reduce spending on consultants by pursuing internal capability and vendor consolidation.- Rethink Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' portfolio (approximately $10 million/year) given that local government has statutory obligations that do not require this level of targeted funding.I also support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise to about 3% by: (i) $50 million from personnel costs (ii) $50 million from consultants (iii) $30 million from contracts/vendor negotiations and (iv) $20 million prioritising essential services over discretionary grants. Do as YOU said when we Voted.Closing: I request that my submission be considered in full and I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8402**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I am submitting in a personal and sincere capacity to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points I wish to emphasise I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates rise; with the current average bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30% ratepayers cannot sustain further hikes above inflation. The proposed split shows 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This is not acceptable without demonstrable efficiency gains.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the

Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services spending rather than permitting continual growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and has not proven carbon savings to justify ongoing expenditure.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; such a move could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year for the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local-government function.- I request clear accountability on CRL operating costs and a published statement of account with a credible breakdown to support any public justification of CRL expenditures.Additional points Essential expenditure only and no 'nice-to-haves' such as beautification projects for at least three years given the current squeeze on income especially for retirees.- Please publish a transparent statement of account for CRL operations so ratepayers can see where funds are allocated and how costs are trending.In closing I urge the Council to cap average residential rate increases at a far more modest level by implementing the proposed $150 million reduction in new spending (2%) prioritising essential services capping consultants and renegotiating contracts.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8421

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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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 that expenditure be reduced before imposing higher bills on households.Key points1) Rates affordability and governance. The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to roughly $320 per household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (vs. 12% inflation). Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. The Council must align spending with residents' ability to pay prioritising essential services over growth in backroom costs.2) Reducing backroom and consultancy spend. The Council group spends around $126 million annually on consultants with Sydney-style average

individual consultant pay of about $200000. Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 outpacing inflation. A reduction in corporate and backroom function spend is essential to stabilise rates.3) Spending on payroll and non-essential roles. There are 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries with 464 earning more than $200000 and 72 staff paid more than the mayor. Freezing vacant non-essential roles and pursuing organisational efficiencies would deliver meaningful relief potentially already saving at least $17 million.4) Specific programme reductions. The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and based on available analyses emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled. Similarly overall Maori-specific spending (such as Ngā Mātārae the Maori Outcomes function) and related discretionary grants should be carefully reconsidered to avoid non-core allocations within local government obligations while still protecting statutory services.5) Alternative budget approach. A reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (2%) would cap the average rate rise at about 3%. This would be achieved by: $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational change/hiring freezes $50 million from cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services.ClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions to deliver responsible evidence-based budgeting and more affordable rates for residents.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?

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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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

**#8422**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed 7.9 percent increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a long history of rising rates. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85 percent well above inflation and population growth. To make rates affordable and accountable the Council must demonstrate value for money and scale back wasteful or discretionary expenditures.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. Specific measures I advocate include Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles

saving at least $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Additional priorities I urge the Council to act on now include Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles aligning with the paid-for outcomes of household budgeting.- Cutting Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I voted for stronger spending controls to curb rate rises. I see waste and red tape including in Auckland Transport and request spending be cut in line with household budgeting practices.I appreciate the Council's need to fund essential infrastructure and services but continued spending growth especially on consultants and back-office functions is unsustainable. A smaller smarter budget is necessary to protect homeowners while delivering core services effectively.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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## 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8450

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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 context and positions The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 real rates have risen by approximately 30% well above cumulative inflation underscoring the need for restraint.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to grow.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs about $36 million per year and is not demonstrated to emit net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll

costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department ($10 million per year) should not be funded from local government budgets as these are not core Council responsibilities.Alternative budget approach The Ratepayers' Alliance recommends reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average rates increase at 3% by: - Cutting personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping spend on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionThis approach focuses on essential services and responsible stewardship of public funds aligning rate rises with inflation and historic constraints.I request that the Council seriously considers these measures in the final plan and engages with ratepayers on a more sustainable path for Auckland's finances.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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

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

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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

#8457

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Based on the Alliance briefing this would equate to approximately $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. The real increase since 2022 is 30 percent in 2022 dollars well above inflation and the rate rise is being allocated across asset maintenance (2%) new assets for growth (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%). I consider a rates increase of this level unacceptable and unsustainable for households.I support targeted efficiency measures and a reallocation of spending to protect essential services. Specifically I call on the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb

spending on consultancy and professional services as outlined in the Alliance alternative budget. In addition I oppose ongoing expenditure on discretionary programs that do not clearly serve core statutory duties of local government.I urge the Council to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which is cited as costing $36 million per year and purportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. The programme should be halted until a thorough transparent evaluation demonstrates clear net benefit. I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could deliver at least $17 million in savings immediately.Furthermore I oppose expanding Māori-specific spending beyond what is necessary for statutory responsibilities. The Alliance briefing notes the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) and highlights that such roles should remain within the remit of central government where appropriate. A more prudent approach is to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I urge consideration of the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent through: staff and payroll containment caps on consultants vendor renegotiations and a focus on essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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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N/A

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

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8472**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit this brief in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in favour of rigorous reduction of wasteful Council spending.The case against the rates rise is clear. The proposed 7.9% increase amounts to about $320 more per average household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is not sustainable for ratepayers who have faced prolonged cost pressures.I agree the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office

functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to escalate these items. The data show $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 far exceeding inflation and payroll sits at $1.3 billion while consultant and contractor spend totals $590 million.I further urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.I disagree with continued high-level spending on Māori outcomes as currently allocated including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reallocate those funds accordingly.As an alternative I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to cap rates increases at around 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million through $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and freezes- $50 million from capped consultancy spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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?

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

#8534

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) amid 12% cumulative inflation. Rates have risen 85% since the Super City amalgamation far outstripping population growth and inflation.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the rise for CRL operating costs with only 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This indicates significant cost pressures that demand disciplined spending controls.Agreed positions (to be included)- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the

Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million/year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local-government role.Additional points- I am on a fixed income; with rising rates it is increasingly difficult to make ends meet. Smarter tighter budgeting and efficiency gains must come before further rate hikes.Proposed budget alternative- Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3% by: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from cap on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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?

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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

**#8566**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a focused reduction in wasteful council spending. The proposed increase will place an average household bill around $320 higher on top of already rising costs that have driven rates up 85 percent since 2010 and well ahead of both inflation and population growth.My positions are as follows:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. I support capping rates growth aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which shows a pathway to roughly 3 percent by cutting discretionary spend rather than increasing charges on households.2) Reduce expenditure on

corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Significant savings can be found by improving efficiency and consolidating overheads.3) Cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advisory costs is unsustainable and should be restrained to essential needs only.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This is not a sound climate or financial choice for ratepayers.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.In addition I urge prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve further savings estimated in the Ratepayers' Alliance plan. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation in recent years while payroll and contractor costs remain a major driver of rates.I request the opportunity to speak at hearings only if considered essential; otherwise I respectfully submit for consideration as written.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8577**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 my opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and urge a thorough review of wasteful Council spending before any rate rise is approved.1) Rates increase and affordability- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. For many households this is unaffordable in the current cost of living climate.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions- The Council must cut waste in corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs where large salaries and bloated overheads have driven up costs unnecessarily.3) Cut consultancy and professional services- There should be a steep limit on

consultancy and professional services. The current level is excessive and unsustainable; funds should be redirected to essential services.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and lower payroll costs- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This alone would save a minimum of $17 million immediately.6) Reduce Māori-specific spend- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Additional points- Salaries for Council workers are too high and ongoing consultancy wastage must stop.- The cost of living is rising and ratepayers are struggling to pay current bills let alone further increases.Alternative budgeting approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposal suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap rates at about 3% achieved by: - $50 million from personnel costs - $50 million from consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge the Council to adopt a responsible fiscally prudent path that protects essential services while significantly curbing wasteful expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8581

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

To Auckland Councill {name redacted} of {address redacted} submit the following in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending and unnecessary expenditure.1. Opposition to rates rise and spending reform- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 extra per household. The current average rates bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 are already 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation.- The breakdown of the 7.9% increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs; as ratepayers we should not subsidise higher operating costs

while essential services are under pressure. A more scrutinised expenditure review is required.2. Wasteful and excessive expenditure must be cut- Council spending on consultants amounts to $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant near $200k. This is unsustainable and should be capped and reallocated.- Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation; payroll alone is $1.3 billion with too many six-figure salaries and staff paid above the mayor. A freeze on non-essential hires and a review of backroom functions is overdue.- Direct operating expenditure grew 78% between 2013 and 2023 well above inflation. Corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure.3. Specific programme reductions and prioritisation- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which 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 spend on Māori-specific programmes including the $10 million per year for the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.4. Alternative budget framework- Advocate for reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of approximately 3% for residential rates while maintaining essential services through: - $50 million reduction in personnel costs - $50 million cap on consultants - $30 million in contract renegotiations - $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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.**

### 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8596

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I note the proposed 7.9 percent increase equates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by 30 percent in real terms well above cumulative inflation of around 12 percent. The increase is allocated as follows: 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85 percent outpacing inflation and population growth by substantial margins.To achieve a more responsible rate outcome I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which proposes reducing new

Council spending by $150 million (about 2 percent) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. Specific measures include Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving approximately $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants saving approximately $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation saving approximately $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving approximately $20 million.Important spending priorities should reflect value for ratepayers. In particular Freeze or limit payroll costs by avoiding recruitment for non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Reconsider Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I strongly urge the Council to reduce wasteful corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs and to bring annual rate increases in line with inflation and population growth. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8599**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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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 objection to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge the council to curb wasteful expenditure and reallocate funds to essential services.Key concerns and positions Oppose the average 7.9% increase. The impact on households is substantial with the current average bill at $4069 and real rate increases outpacing inflation since 2022. The proposed mix includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus asset maintenance and growth costs which looks unsustainable for ratepayers.- Expenditure reduction must precede further rate rises. The council and CCOs together spend heavily on consultants ($126 million per year) and six-

figure salaries (6123 staff 464 over $200k). Direct operating expenditure rose 78% 2013“2023 far above inflation. A reduction in corporate and backroom functions is essential.- Cut consultancy and professional services. I support reducing these spend items to restrain rates growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) due to its higher emissions and limited net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at roughly $10 million/year arguing this is not a core local-government function.- Alternative budget alignment: I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates to about 3% via targeted efficiency gains.Additional note Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to ensure core services are protected while wasteful spending is trimmed back.I request to speak at hearings to elaborate on these points and to promote a more responsible fiscal path for Auckland.Sincerely{name redacted}Flat 3 89 Great South RdManurewa{email redacted}I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8703,337493,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed rates rise and urge the Council to manage expenditure more prudently. The current trajectory shows the average residential bill increasing from $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent far outpacing cumulative inflation. The proposed breakdown2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth in new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costshighlights a pattern of spending that is not aligned with prudent value-for-money outcomes for ratepayers.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget provides a constructive path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate rise to about 3%. This can be achieved through: (i) reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze saving $50 million; (ii) capping consultant and professional services spending at $50 million; (iii) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation at $30 million; and (iv) prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants at $20 million. These steps are essential if ratepayers are to see meaningful relief rather than perpetuated expenditure growth.Specific spending priorities and concerns include: consultancy and backroom office costs six-figure salaries and the staff payroll. The Council's payroll and related expenses including $1.3 billion in payroll and $590 million on consultants must be restrained. I also urge the Council to cancel non-value-for-money programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to have limited if any net emissions benefit. Additionally I oppose continuing or expanding Māori-specific spending beyond what is necessary for essential local government functions; the $10 million/year dedicated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) should be reassessed as to its local-government role and value.In closing I request the Council to adopt a responsible lower-rate path and to implement concrete savings measures as outlined above to cap rate increases and to deliver greater value for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8713,337483,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,Key concern and stance- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which represents a substantial and growing burden on households already affected by high inflation. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of roughly 30 percent far outpacing consumer price inflation.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to rise further. Annual consultant spend across the Council group is about $126 million with the average consultant earning around $200k.- The Food Scraps Programme is a clear target for savings: cancel it as it costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing costs must be restrained: freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles to achieve at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Maori-specific spending should be reassessed; the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) is not a function of local government and should be prioritised differently.Constructive path forward- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) can cap rates growth at around 3 percent. This entails: $50 million from personnel costs through restructuring and a hiring freeze $50 million from capping consultancy spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- These measures would protect essential services while restoring budget discipline aligning ratepayer interests with affordable transparent governance.ConclusionI urge the Council to adopt the proposed savings plan above and to implement a rates path closer to 3 percent in 2026/27 rejecting the proposed 7.9 percent increase until savings are demonstrated.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8727,337469,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,The proposed increase about $320 for the average household compounds real rate increases well above inflation since 2022 (30% in real terms against 12% inflation). A more prudent path is required.Key concerns and positions Oppose the 7.9% increase. The distribution2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for growth in new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsshows a heavy bias toward ongoing cost recovery and project overhead rather than core services. A restraint is warranted.- Reduce corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs. Current spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year with the average consultant earning around $200k. A broad reduction in corporate and backoffice functions is essential.- Curb consultancy and professional services expenditure. The spend on external expertise continues to rise; a disciplined reduction aligns with responsible budgeting.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze hiring or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies. This alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) function which is not a core local government obligation.Budget alternative:The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap rates at about 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million reduction in personnel costs $50 million cap on consultants $30 million renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.In summary a restrained approach to rates paired with targeted cuts to consultants backroom functions and discretionary Māori spending is a prudent course that protects ratepayers and core services.I do

not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8730,337466,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. This represents a real increase well above inflation and far above the public mandate to live within ratepayer means.- The breakdown of this increase is unacceptable: 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. After a decade of rate increases annual cost pressures are unsustainable for households.- Ratepayer funds should prioritise essential services and statutory requirements over discretionary programmes and conveyor-belt spend. Spending on consultants remains excessive at about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k.- Payroll and personnel costs have escalated sharply with thousands of staff on six-figure salaries and payroll costs approaching $1.3 billion. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation.The Council's Alternative Budget and requested actions- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rate increase at 3% via: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping consulting and professional services: $50 million - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors: $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionSpecific programme calls- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme: costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than saved.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles potentially saving at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-focused spending including the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes department funding of around $10 million/year on the grounds that this is not a core local government remit.In closing I urge careful reconsideration of the rate rise and a rigorous programme of expenditure restraint to protect households and ensure essential services are funded.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8760,337426,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,1. Opposition to rate rise- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. If implemented this would add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a real-terms increase since 2022 of around 30 percent far exceeding local inflation.2. Priority for expenditure restraint- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Stop or sharply reduce spend on consultancy and professional services; this area has grown disproportionately and is a major driver of rate rises.3. Specific programme and staffing measures- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and as asserted by supporters emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a function of local government and should be prioritised toward statutory and essential services.4. Alternative budget approach- Follow the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new

Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent:  - $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change/hiring freezes  - $50 million from capping consultants  - $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation  - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that the Council seriously consider these measures and revise the proposal to deliver a far more affordable core-service-focused budget for Auckland households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8763,337421,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to pursue meaningful reductions in wasteful spending instead of new or expanded charges on households.Key grounds for opposition- The proposed 7.9% increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This combination is unaffordable for households with the current average bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of 30% far outstripping inflation.- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen by 85% dwarfing inflation and population growth. The Council must address structural cost drivers rather than simply pass costs onto residents.Agreed positions (as submitted)- Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9%.- 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 about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Alternative Budget approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap average residential rates increase at around 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request the Council consider these measures seriously and pursue a sustainable affordable budget for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8766,337418,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I submit my views during the public consultation on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan.1. Management of council expenditureThe Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current spending on staff and support functions appears excessive relative to essential service delivery and trimming these costs would help stabilise the rates burden on households.2. Use of consultants and professional servicesI urge the Council to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. The ratepayers should not bear ongoing surcharges from external advisors when core operations could be streamlined through internal reform and efficiency measures.3. Food Scraps ProgrammePlease cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the perspective of its climate impact

emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect those funds to essential and statutory services that directly benefit residents and business.4. Staffing and payrollFreeze non-essential recruitment and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-critical roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately helping to moderate the overall rate increase while preserving core services.5. Additional contextThere are significant ongoing costs associated with assets upkeep and the CRL operating costs and options exist to reallocate funds toward essential services. The broader roading program in the city is noted as an area where reform could yield savings that support responsible budgeting without compromising safety or access.I support a prudent approach that prioritises statutory and essential services while pursuing efficiency gains through organisational change vendor consolidation and renegotiated contracts. I also support the Council's focus on reducing wasteful expenditure as a means to moderate 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8770,337410,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I submit this formal response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a substantial roll-back in Council spending to align rates with inflation and essential services.Key positions:1) Rates increase. The proposed 7.9% rise is excessive. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% (versus 12% cumulative inflation). I support capping rates increases to no more than annual inflation and I advocate for aggressive cost reductions to achieve this target.2) Spending reductions. The Council must reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well beyond inflation while consultants and contractors total hundreds of millions. A 2% reduction in new spending is prudent.3) Consultants and professional services. Freeze or reduce consulting spend and renegotiate contracts. The current level is unsustainable and drives up rates for households.4) Discretionary programmes. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year and reportedly not delivering net carbon savings). Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.5) Staffing and payroll. Freeze non-essential vacancies and reduce payroll costs where possible saving at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori-specific spending. Reconsider the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). In my view this is not a local-government core role.7) Additional context. Our rates rose 9% last year with water charges power and insurance also increasing. Wages have not kept pace with these costs. Rates should be capped to annual inflation as a maximum.In summary I urge Auckland Council to implement a more restrained budget: reduce personnel and consultant costs scrap non-essential projects and focus on core statutory services. This approach will enable a more modest rate rise and protect households from escalating living costs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8781,337389,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to roughly $320 for the average household. In my view rates rises must be restrained to reflect inflation and household affordability rather than being

used to fund growing discretionary Council spending.I call on the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current level of payroll and associated overheads is unsustainable if we are to keep rates rises within reasonable bounds. In particular I urge steps to freeze filling non-essential roles and to review headcount as there are clear savings to be made without compromising essential services.Further I oppose the continued increase in consultancy and professional services. The combined spend on consultants and contractors is excessive and should be capped. A reduction in external advisers will help rein in operating costs and lower the need for ratepayer-funded increases.I also request the Council cancel the Food Scraps Programme reported to cost about $36 million per year noting that it emits more carbon than it saves. Redirecting those funds to essential services would deliver greater public value and align with prudent fiscal management.Additionally I urge the Council to freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately. And I oppose ongoing or expanded Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allotted to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). In my view these are not core local government functions and should be reconsidered in favour of statutory and essential services.In line with the Council's alternative budget priorities I support a focus on essential services and reform of procurement to achieve savingsreducing new Council spending by about $150 million to cap the rate rise at roughly 3% aligning with household affordability and responsible budgeting.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8793,337373,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to express strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is well above inflation and places an undue burden on households. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen by about 30% in real terms far exceeding consumer price increases.- The breakdown indicates 4.4% of the rise goes to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining assets and 1.5% for new assets. I question whether these operating and growth costs can be better contained through prudent management and efficiency.Agreed positions I request to be incorporated- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and seek a tighter cap aligned to growth and inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to lift these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; doing so would save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Ratepayer-focused alternative- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at about 3% via a combination of staff cost controls reduced consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.ClosingI request that the Council consider these constraints and pursue a more affordable council-controlled path that preserves essential services while rooting out wasteful spend.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8796,337367,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I note that the proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms well above inflation. Given this trajectory I urge the Council to consider substantial restraint and reform to avoid further burdening ratepayers.Key positions I support Oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9% and advocate for a cap closer to 3% through targeted savings.- 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 about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.In line with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget I advocate reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) using the following levers: $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from caps on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. This would help cap the rate increase and protect essential local services.I respectfully request that my submission be considered in the hearing process and that decisive steps be taken to prioritise prudent efficient public spending over unwarranted rate rises.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8810,337343,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I submit this formal submission to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to demand a reduction in wasteful Council spending. The Council must do more to align costs with inflation and with the needs of ratepayers outside the city centre.1) Stand against the 7.9% rates increase. The proposed rise translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of an already high $4069 average rates bill (up from $2781 in 2022). Since 2022 the real increase is 30% in rates while cumulative inflation is only 12% meaning ratepayers are paying far more than the macroeconomic cost of living would justify. The breakdown of this increase shows 2% for existing asset maintenance 1.5% for growth in new assets and 4.4% to cover CRL operating costs. This burden is not acceptable if it outpaces inflation and growth while every-day services compete for funding.2) Agree with reducing wasteful spend. The Alliance briefing highlights serious inefficiencies: $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group payroll costs rising sharply and $868.4 million spent on 18 corporate and business support functions. These figures demand a performance review and substantial savings. I support reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles cutting spending on consultants renegotiating contracts and vendor consolidation. A disciplined approach to these areas can allow a targeted 3% cap on rates as outlined by the Ratepayers' Alliance.3) Specific program reductions. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves) and freezing or reducing payroll particularly by not filling vacant non-essential positions which could

save at least $17 million immediately. I also support reducing Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million/year on Ngā Mātārae arguing this is not a core local government role.4) Additional point. We live and work on the outskirts of the super city; user-pays principles should apply to CRL reflecting fare structures and location-based access.I request that the Council adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance budget approach reducing new spending by about $150 million to cap rates increases at roughly 3% and prioritise statutory and essential 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8812,337336,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The proposed rise comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs yet overall rates have risen by 85% since 2010far surpassing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). With the current average residential rates bill at $4069 many households face a real burden as the cost in 2022 dollars has risen by around 30% in real terms.To achieve rate relief I support reducing wasteful Council spending. The Council should curb expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. Notably consultant spending totals about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. Direct operating expenditure has risen markedly and staff costs have grown substantially including six-figure salaries for 6123 employees and 72 staff earning more than the mayor. Freezing vacancies and not hiring for non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.I also urge prioritisation of core statutory services over discretionary grants and to renegotiate vendor contracts to achieve savings. The current approach risks misallocating scarce funds away from essential services that communities rely on.Regarding specific programme spend I call for cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves. I further question and would support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae arguing this is not a core local government responsibility.Additional context: my rates are over $5800 per annum and we are charged for two of all the bin services due to a granny-flat arrangement that my elederly mum lives in despite utilising only one bin for all of us. This highlights inefficiencies in service design that should be addressed through reform as it is extremely hard to sustain especially with the cost of living being so high.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8835,337298,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a programme of significant waste-cutting and efficiency before asking households to pay more.Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive equating to roughly $320 more per average household while real costs have risen 30% since 2022 and inflation has been 12%. A rate rise must not outpace essential affordability or real household budgets.- A substantial portion of the rise is driven by CRL operating costs (4.4%) alongside ongoing asset maintenance (2%) and new asset spend (1.5%).

Prioritising core statutory services should be the focus with non-essential expansion restrained.Agreed positions (Submitter's stand)- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government responsibility.- Stop more cycle lanes that are not used enough and reallocate funds to essential services.Additional points- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about 3%: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request the Council to reconsider and deliver a restrained outcomes-focused budget that prioritises essential services and fiscal responsibility.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8839,337294,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,This rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a steady real increase since 2022 of 30% (well above cumulative inflation). I urge council to pause and re-balance priorities toward sustainable essential services while controlling wasteful spend.I support the following positions Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) given concerns about the appropriate role of local government.Key context and why changes are needed The proposed 4.4% of the increase covers CRL operating costs while 2% covers maintaining existing assets and 1.5% funds new assets for growth. This allocation appears heavy on operating costs and external consultants rather than core ratepayer services.- Council and CCO payroll data show significant expense growth with many six-figure salaries and a notable rise in personnel costs over inflation.- A targeted reduction strategy using the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget reducing new spending by about $150 million to cap rates at around 3% is a prudent pathway to protect households.I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the public consultation and encourage scrutiny of discretionary and non-essential items before signing off on further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8840,337293,,Henderson-Massey,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge a reset of Council spending

towards essential services and value for ratepayers.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% cumulative inflation). This is unaffordable for many households and out of step with inflation.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with only 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. A significant portion is driven by back-office costs and growth not directly by essential service delivery.- Spending transparency and value for money must come first. Council and CCO payrolls six-figure salaries and high consultant costs are not aligned with responsible budgeting. Direct operating expenditure grew 78% 2013“2023 far above inflation while staff and external costs continue to rise.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) can cap rates increases to about 3%. This would be achieved by: freezing non-essential hires and reducing payroll; capping consultant expenditure; renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Agreed positions (what I want included)- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million/year citing its carbon impact versus savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.Additional note- Wayne Brown's governance notwithstanding focus must remain on delivering essential services efficiently and transparently.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **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.**

### 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **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.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **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. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8846**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Since 2022 rates have risen about 30% in real terms well above cumulative inflation of 12%. The 7.9% package comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. I request that the Council acknowledge these pressures and respond with a credible plan to curb expenditure rather than glide into higher rates.I support reducing spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I strongly urge restraint on consultancy and professional services. Current data show a total annual consultancy spend of $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant receiving

around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown at unsustainable rates; payroll is about $1.3 billion with consultants and contractors at $590 million. A more efficient organisation would prioritise core statutory services and essential functions not discretionary outsourcing or bloated administration.I also urge the Council to 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 measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. Further reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.As proposed by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance implement an alternative budget that reduces new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at 3% through: (1) personnel cost reductions and hiring freezes (2) cap on consultants (3) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and (4) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Time is running out for leadership to leave a lasting mark through prudent budgeting. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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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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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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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

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8869**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Key positions- I oppose the 7.9% average rate rise. With the current average rates bill at $4069 and real increases well above inflation since 2022 ratepayers cannot sustain further stress. A rate rise this high must be justified by strong efficiency gains and evidence of essential service enhancements.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultants and professional services. The briefing shows $126 million per year in consultancy across the group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and an average consultant pay around $200k.- 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 immediately save at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.Proposed alternative budget approach- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average rate increase at around 3%: - $50 million saving from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million saving from capping consultant spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsRationale- Since 2010 rates have risen 85%far exceeding inflation and population growth. Sticking with high spending on consultants backroom functions and non-essential programmes undermines affordability for households and small businesses.ClosingI respectfully request the opportunity to present at hearings to elaborate on these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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.**

### 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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N/A

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

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- **Water service strategies**
- **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?

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| Rank | Area |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8885**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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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 urge a programme of savings to protect households from unnecessary cost pressure.1. Why the rise is unacceptable- The 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise since 2022 of 30% (in 2022 dollars) while CPI has risen 12%. This outstrips household income growth and undermines affordability for many residents.2. Waste and spending priorities- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should curb consultancy and professional services spending rather than allowing these

costs to climb.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.3. An alternative path to rate relief- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposal suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the rate increase at around 3% while protecting essential services.4. Additional considerations- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. A rigorous affordability review is needed before approving further increases.In summary I request that Auckland Council prioritise cost containment and reallocation of spend toward essential services rather than across-the-board rate increases. I would welcome the opportunity to speak at hearings if possible.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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**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?

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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

**#8916**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. Overall rate increase and affordability- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent given the current average bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 has been 30 percent far outpacing cumulative inflation. The ratepayer burden must be aligned with inflation and the value delivered to households.2. Spending reductions and efficiency- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Personnel costs must be restrained: 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 spending on Māori-specific programmes; the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a function of local government and should be re-evaluated.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve savings.3. Alternative budget emphasis- A reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent delivering tangible relief to ratepayers while maintaining core services.4. Observations on ongoing costs- The current drivers of cost include CRL operating costs asset maintenance and growth and a high reliance on consultants and specialist services. While asset maintenance is essential the overall growth in personnel costs and external contracts warrants a comprehensive efficiency review.ClosingI request the Council consider these measures as part of a prudent affordable plan that protects essential services while restoring ratepayer trust.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8920

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge Council to prioritise lower wasteful expenditure and more prudent budgeting.1) Rates and fairness- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. This is a real increase well above household inflation pressures and well above the rate of resources growth Auckland has seen since 2010.- Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% while population grew 22% and inflation ran around 34%. A further near-8% rise compounds the cost burden on Aucklanders many of whom already face tight

budgets.2) Wasteful spending and reform priorities- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continued growth in these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) noting this is not a core local government function.3) Alternative budget and funding priorities- The Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise to about 3% and protect essential services.- Specifically implement: a) organisational change and hiring freeze to save $50 million; b) cap consultancy spending at $50 million; c) renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million; d) prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants $20 million.ClosingI urge Council to adopt these cost-saving measures and refrain from an 7.9% average rate increase. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8929

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a program of expenditure restraint focused on core services and prudent budget management.1. Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive for households already bearing a real increases in rates of about 30% since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) while inflation has risen around 12%. An average $320 higher rates bill per household is a heavy load for Auckland families.2. Expenditure reduction priorities- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- It is essential to curb spend on consultancy and

professional services; this area has grown notably and warrants a freeze or substantial restraint.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled (costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves).3. Staffing and payroll controls- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- The payroll and staff costs are a major driver of the rate rise; restoring discipline in recruitment and remuneration will help stabilise rate levels.4. Maori outcomes spending- I oppose further increases in Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) programme which allocates about $10 million per year on the basis that this is not a core local government function.5. Alternative budget pathway- The Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which could cap the rate rise to around 3% via targeted actions: - $50 million from personnel costs and hiring freezes - $50 million from consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge Auckland Council to adopt these restraint measures and proceed with a substantially lower rate increase that protects households while maintaining essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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?

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8938**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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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 and direct terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a reset of Council spending toward core statutory and essential services with substantial reductions in corporate consultancy and backroom costs.1) Rate increase and spending prioritiesThe proposed 7.9% rise equates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 and continuing inflation. This is excessive while the Council's expenditure on consultants contractors and six-figure salaries continues to outgrow inflation. A responsible budget must prioritise essential services and curb wasteful backroom spending.2)

Targeted savings from agreed measuresI support: reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. Specifically a 2% reduction across new Council spending could cap rates at around 3% if paired with concrete reforms.3) Specific reductions proposed- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) on grounds of dubious carbon savings.- Freeze staffing or cut payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that these functions are not a core local government responsibility.- Lower overall personnel costs and limit outsourcing by shrinking the spend on consultants and professional services.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve ongoing savings complemented by eliminating duplicative corporate and business support functions (many millions annually).4) Rural Auckland concernsRural Aucklanders face higher rates for fewer services and less access to high-spend Council projects; rural infrastructure deteriorates while incomes fall. Any plan must address rural affordability and ensure fair distribution of funds without blanket rate hikes that disproportionately burden country residents.ClosingI request the Council to reject the 7.9% average rates increase in favour of a disciplined lean budget that prioritises essential services reduces wasteful spending and protects rural ratepayers.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

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8941**

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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% for 2026/27 and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful spend.Key points- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in terms of rates in constant dollars far outstripping general inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs which warrants scrutiny for efficiency.- I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on

consultancy and professional services which currently amount to substantial annual costs and high average consultant pay.- I disagree with continued expansion of discretionary programmes and recommend cancelling or reforming non-essential schemes including the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which also appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I urge cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) to align with the view that local government should focus on statutory and essential services.Alternative budget framework- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increase at around 3%: - Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Cap spending on consultants: $50 million - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionClosingI request careful consideration of the above and urge a reduction in the proposed rates rise coupled with meaningful cuts to wasteful and non-essential spending before any final decision.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

#8951

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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 urge a reset of Council spending toward essential services and fiscal restraint.I oppose the average 7.9% rate rise which equates to about $320 extra per household. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth. The current plan allocates 4.4% of the increase to CRL operating costs while spending on consultants and backroom functions remains high. I believe the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than continuing

to grow these line items.I support adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes a $150 million reduction in new spending (about 2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%. Specific savings should be found from Freezing staffing or delaying non-essential hires to save at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million in savings.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.I also urge ending or reassessing programmes that do not align with core local-government duties or deliver clear public benefit. In particular Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or substantially reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department given concerns that these functions fall outside traditional local government responsibilities.The Council should focus on needs over 'nice to haves' and stop perpetually increasing spending on staff salaries and external advisors at a pace that outstrips inflation. A careful disciplined budget that preserves essential services while reducing wasteful expenditure will better serve Aucklanders.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#8959**

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### Tell us why

I submit to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and to call for immediate reductions in wasteful Council spending. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real rates increase since 2022 is 30 percent far outpacing cumulative inflation. A 7.9 percent lift would add roughly $320 per household placing Aucklanders under further financial stress.Key points for consideration1) Rates increase and fiscal restraint. Oppose the proposed 7.9 percent rise. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a more prudent path: cap average residential rates increases at 3 percent by reducing new and ongoing costs. This

requires targeted expenditure control rather than automatic rate hikes.2) Reduce backroom and corporate costs. The Council and CCOs should cut expenditure on corporate and backoffice functions. A leaner organisational structure will lower overall operating costs without compromising essential services.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. Curb spending on consultants and external contractors; the Alliance notes $126 million per year across the Council group with consultants averaging $200k each. A halt or slow-down on non-essential advisory work will deliver meaningful savings.4) Cancel non-core programmes. Stop the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and emitting more carbon than saved.5) Freeze payroll where possible. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Limit targeted spends. Reduce Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.7) Prioritise essential services. Reallocate discretionary grants to statutory obligations and core services and consolidate vendors to achieve savings of approximately $150 million in total as proposed.Additional pointsI also oppose cycleways and unnecessary speed humps if they do not deliver clear safety or transport efficiency benefits and support sensible speed limit increases where appropriate subject to safety.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?

N/A

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8980

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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

**#8983**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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

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

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase and urge urgent action to reduce wasteful Council spending. A 7.9% rise would mean roughly $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 and a 85% rise since the Super City amalgamation. This is not affordable for working-ratepayers.I agree with and ask you to adopt the following positions Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and cap increases closer to inflation using the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget as a guide to keep bills affordable.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Much

of this is not delivering essential services to residents.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs year after year.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or curb payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Additional context: the Council's current trajectory relies on significant operating costs for CRL and general administration. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget shows how a modest reduction in new spending (about $150 million) can keep the rate rise to around 3% while maintaining essential services by prioritising statutory functions over discretionary grants.In Stillwater residents face higher bills and limited direct benefit from many discretionary programmes. This submission urges prizing value-for-money better procurement and tighter control of salary growth and consultancies.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **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.**

### 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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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.)

| Rank | Area |
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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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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

**#9028**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.Position and rationale- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household at a time when real rate rises since 2022 have reached roughly 30 percent while inflation has been around 12 percent. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs a 2% for asset maintenance and 1.5% for new assets; this level of growth is unsustainable for ratepayers.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions

across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services costs instead of continuing to rise them. Current estimates indicate $126 million per year spent on consultants across the Council group.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing spend on Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which amounts to about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Alternative budgeting proposal- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping the rate rise at around 3%. This requires: a) tightening personnel costs through organisational changes and freezes; b) capping consultants spending; c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; and d) prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that my submission be considered in the consultation process and ask that the Council pursue these reductions to protect households from unaffordable rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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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N/A

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9034**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Against the proposed rates increase- The proposed 7.9% average rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increases since 2022. I oppose an increase that far outstrips inflation and population growth.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase paying for CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. In a difficult financial climate proceeding with substantial CRL expenditure should be revisited.2) Spend reduction priorities- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services

rather than continuing to grow these items; the current level ($126 million per year across the Council group) is unsustainable.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae); this is not a core local government function.- Rebalance budgets toward essential statutory services over discretionary grants and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to realise further savings.3) Alternative budget stance- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rates cap of around 3% through targeted reductions listed above.4) Additional point- One reason for the larger rates rise is funding the City Rail Link. Regions that do not benefit from this should not be obligated to fund it.In summary I urge the Council to adopt the Alternative Budget approach prioritise core services and implement concrete savings in payroll consultants and discretionary spend before approving any near-maximum rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9066

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a program of substantial spend reduction across the Council and CCOs.Key concerns and positions- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing 12% cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets due to growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This pattern is unsustainable for ratepayers.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom

office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these costs. Current figures show $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with the Auckland Council parent accounting for $60 million and average consultants earning about $200k.- Wasteful programmes must be cut. The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves; cancelling this would lower costs and environmental waste.- Personnel costs must be restrained. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be re-evaluated as this is not a core local government function.Alternative savings proposal- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate rise at 3% by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions and the alternative budget approach to protect ratepayers from inflationary pressures while delivering essential services efficiently.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9097

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a thorough review of Council spending to protect households already stretched by cost pressures.I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent far outpacing cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs with 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows. This level of increase is unaffordable for many ratepayers.I agree that the Council must reduce

expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants is $126 million per year with the average consultant around $200000 and 18 corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure. Direct operating expenditure grew 78 percent between 2013 and 2023 outpacing inflation significantly. A more restrained leaner organisation is essential.I also agree that the Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and purportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Similarly freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately.I support cutting Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core role of local government.To align with responsible budgeting I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increase at about 3 percent through reductions in personnel costs consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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?

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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

**#9099**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The Alliance's briefing shows the burden of a 7.9% rise would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 and 85% since amalgamation. This is unacceptable growth in the cost of local government.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average rates increase. The council should cap rates increases in line with inflation and alternative budget measures rather than accepting a near 8% increase.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance data indicate heavy spending in support functions that drive operating costs higher than inflation.3) Reduce

spend on consultancy and professional services. Total consultant costs are substantial with average consultant payments driving up operating expenditure. A reduction here would lower rates without compromising core services.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect resources to essential services with proven environmental benefits.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government mandate. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.6) Consider revenue-generation options to reduce reliance on rate rises. Taxing more on households already stretched is unsustainable; explore alternative revenue sources and efficiency gains before raising rates again.I note the Council's expenditure growth has outpaced inflation for years including a 78% spend increase on direct operating expenditure since 2013 while payroll and consultants have grown sharply. The proposed reduction in new spending by $150 million (2%) under the Alliance plan would cap the average rate increase to around 3% and align spending with core priorities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **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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N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **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?

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| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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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

**#9128**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to the related level of spending by the Council and CCOs.Key concerns and positions I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase (about $320 for the typical household) and urge the Council to cap rate rises in line with or below inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continual growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze

staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government responsibility.Rationale and proposed approach The proposed 7.9% increase compounds existing rate pressure with a current average bill of $4069 and a real increase of approximately 30% since 2022 (well above inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs highlighting structural cost drivers beyond essential service delivery.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget suggests a $150 million reduction in new spending (about 2%) enabling an average rate rise of around 3% by targeting personnel costs consultants renegotiations and essential services prioritisation.Please consider adopting a prudent restraint on non-essential and discretionary spending while protecting core statutory services. A focus on reforming payroll reducing consultancy renegotiating contracts and eliminating wasteful programmes will better align rates with residents' ability to pay.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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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

**#9150**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

1) Opposition to the rate increase- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% is excessive and should be capped at about 3% if universal services are to be maintained without burdening households. The current average rates bill stands at $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with real increases well above inflation since 2022. The breakdown shows 4.4% of the rise is tied to CRL operating costs while 2% is for existing assets and 1.5% for growth-related assets.2) Spending reform as a prerequisite- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services

rather than continuing to increase these items (consultants cost about $126 million per year across the Council group).- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a step that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting this is not a function of local government.3) Additional context and targets- The broader spending pattern shows payroll costs and other expenses rising faster than inflation with personnel costs and 'other expenses' rising twice the rate of inflation from 2022 to 2025. Direct operating expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023 well above CPI.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at 3% through personnel changes caps on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.I urge the Council to adopt these reductions to restore affordability and focus on essential statutory services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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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N/A

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

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**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?

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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

**#9170**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit to express strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for a rebalanced fiscally responsible budget that prioritises essential services and reduces wasteful spending.- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. Based on the Council's own figures this would equate to roughly $320 more per average household adding to a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 real rates have risen by about 30% far exceeding cumulative inflation (approximately 12%) eroding household purchasing power and undermining housing affordability.- A credible path to keeping rates affordable lies in reducing

Council expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and in curbing spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advisory work is excessive and drives up operating costs without proportional public benefit.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. Resources would be better directed to essential services and waste reduction strategies with demonstrated net benefit.- I urge freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately and help moderate the rate increase.- I oppose spending on Māori-specific outcomes as framed by the Ngā Mātārae department including the approximately $10 million per year allocated to Māori outcomes. Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget aligns with these goals: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates rise to about 3% by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services.I request the opportunity to present my submission at hearings and to address these points in more detail if allowed. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.Thank you for considering these points as you finalise the 2026/27 plan.

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

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

N/A

# Question 6: City centre

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9197

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I agree with the following positions:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.2) The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.4) The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million right away.6) The Council should

cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Rationale and context:The proposed 7.9% increase translates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of around $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85%well above inflation and population growthundermining affordability for households and businesses alike. Breakdown of the proposed increase includes 2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs demanding careful scrutiny of core necessities versus discretionary spending.Alternative approach:I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about 3% through: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants. These steps would deliver more prudent stewardship while preserving vital services.Closing:I request a opportunity to speak at hearings only if required otherwise I provide this submission for consideration.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

### 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?

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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

#9218

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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 personal and sincere tone to express strong concerns about the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and the level of wasteful Council spending that drives it. A constructive path is to control costs first then consider a modest sustainable rate increase.I support prioritising core statutory and essential services while urgently reducing wasteful expenditure. Specifically The Council should reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Spending on consultants and professional services must be capped and reduced rather than continually increasing procurement

of external expertise.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and currently emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department estimated at around $10 million per year if that role falls outside the proper remit of local government.- Reforms to corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs are essential to curb wasteful spending.Additionally I urge consideration of a responsible alternative budget framework that would cap average residential rate increases. The Ratepayers' Alliance model proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2 percent reduction) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. This involves funding reductions from personnel costs caps on consultancy expenditure contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Context matters: the current rate burden has grown substantially since 2010 (85 percent) outpacing inflation and population growth. With the present trajectory continuing high spend on consultants six-figure salaries for many staff and costly discretionary programmes risks eroding public trust and affordability for households across Auckland including those in Huapai.I urge the Council to adopt disciplined budgeting eliminate clearly non-essential expenditures and engage in transparent verifiable savings before approving further 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?

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

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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

#9220

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The proposed increase roughly $320 for the average household is excessive given the Auckland ratepayers' reality since 2022: real increases are running well ahead of inflation and population growth. Since amalgamation in 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has been 34% and population grew 22%.The breakdown of the 7.9% increase is concerning: 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This compounds overall cost pressures on households.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's proposed cap and budget approach. A targeted reduction of new Council spending by $150 million (2%) delivering

a maximum 3% average residential rates rise. Key actions include Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential hires and pursuing organisational changes to lower payroll costs (estimated saving around $50 million).- Cap spending on consultants and professional services (approximately $50 million).- Undertake contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation (about $30 million).- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants (about $20 million).Specific line items require urgent reconsideration Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing growth and halt new hires for non-essential roles; this alone could deliver at least $17 million in annual savings.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes initiative (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government role.Other governance concerns also warrant scrutiny: the continued expansion of consultancy spending the high number of six-figure salaries and the overall growth of operating and staff costs outpacing inflation. The ratepayer cannot sustain blanket increases without demonstrable efficiency measures and visible relief for households.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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### 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

**#9257**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I write to submit my strong opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to urge a comprehensive reduction of wasteful Council spending before any further rate rises are approved.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. It equates to about $320 extra per average household and is not aligned with inflation or real household affordability. Since 2022 the real rates increase is about 30% well above cumulative inflation (12%) posing a heavy burden on households.- The rate rise is not sufficiently targeted to essential services. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5%

for new assets. There is a strong case to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spending.- Wasteful spending must be tackled. Council spends heavily on consultants ($126 million per year across the group) and on backroom corporate functions ($868.4 million in direct expenditure for 18 functions). Reducing these would directly lower the rate burden.- Specific cost-cutting measures should include freezing non-essential hires and reducing payroll costs and limiting consultancy and professional services. I support a reduction of staff costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose substantial Māori-specific spending in areas that are not core local government functions. The $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered in favour of core statutory services.- I advocate for adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average rate increases at around 3%. This includes cap on consultants renegotiate contracts and prioritise essential services.Additional points- I believe the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves should be cancelled.- A broader shift away from 'fat cat' salaries is essential; only one salary over $100000 should be sustained.ClosingI request to speak at hearings to discuss these points in further 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?

N/A

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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

**#9272**

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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 submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a program of substantial cost reduction across the Council and CCOs.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise is well above inflation and fundamentally unsustainable for households. The average residential bill is around $4069 currently with the 7.9% increase equating to roughly $320 more per year for the average household.- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85%well ahead of inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). This trajectory cannot continue without painful impacts on households.- Spending growth is out of control. Direct

operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 while personnel costs and 'other expenses' have tracked well above inflation. Council payroll is about $1.3 billion with significant spend on consultants and contractors ($590 million) and 6123 staff on six-figure salaries.- There is clear potential to reduce waste and backroom costs. The Council should cut spending on corporate and backroom office functions across both the Council and CCOs and curb consultant and professional services rather than continuing to expand these lines.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services; stop growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (£36 million/year) as it costs more in emissions and does not deliver net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-focused spending including the $10 million/year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government core function.Alternative budget framework- Align expenditure with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to about 3% through targeted savings: personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI 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

#9294

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### Tell us why

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on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. There is a need to trim unnecessary overheads and streamline governance.3) Curb consultancy and professional services spending. The current pattern shows sustained high expenditure on consultants; a cap is essential.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) 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.Additional points I wish to emphasise The ratepayer burden should be tempered by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and by renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors where possible.- Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond inflation; this must be rolled back through prudent management and structural change.I understand the need for city-wide growth and essential services but the current plan relies on escalating rates and expansive backroom spend. A leaner better-prioritised budget is both fair and fiscally responsible.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?

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9317

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### Tell us why

1. Rates increase and fiscal context- The proposed average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent equates to about $320 for the average household on top of an ongoing surge in rates since 2022 (real increase of 30 percent in 2022 dollars) while overall inflation has been 12 percent. This increase is not affordable for households facing cost of living pressures.- The breakdown shows 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as the city grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. Given historical spending trends lower growth in payroll and external services is warranted.2. Spending reductions to support rate relief- The Council should reduce expenditure on

corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- A clear reduction in consultancy and professional services is needed; this area has grown substantially and should be constrained.- A targeted reduction of $150 million in new Council spending (2 percent) would cap rates increases at around 3 percent under the proposed budget if executed as follows: - Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (potential saving of at least $17 million immediately). - Cap spending on consultants and professional services at a prudent level. - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors where possible. - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.3. Specific program savings and reallocation- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the submitter's view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department (about $10 million per year) reflecting the view that this is not a function of local government.4. Additional note- I live in Rodney and question why funding for the new City Rail Link would be used if personal use is unlikely; funding decisions should reflect community needs and cost-benefit to ratepayers.ClosingI request to speak/present at hearings: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.Key context and concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household adding to an already high base: current average residential rates are $4069 (up from $2781 in 2022). The real increase since 2022 is around 30% while cumulative inflation is about 12%.- The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This mix does not justify rates rising beyond inflation and population growth pressures.- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% vastly outpacing inflation and population growth.Agreed positions and requested actions- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and advocate for a rate rise aligned with or no higher than inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services to curb wasteful spending.- 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; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government remit.- Explore further reductions in non-essential discretionary grants and prioritise statutory services over discretionary programmes.Additional point- Prefer a rates path that keeps increases in line with inflation rather than escalating beyond it.ClosingI request that the Council consider a constrained budget that reduces waste prioritises essential services and achieves a lower rates outcome than proposed.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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

**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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**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?**
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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

**#9340**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The current reality is that rates have risen 85% since the 2010 amalgamation well above inflation while population growth has not kept pace. A 7.9% uplift resulting in an approximate $320 increase for the average household is excessive given the costs and the benefits delivered.Key points and requests1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%. The Alliance's analysis shows a real burden on households that outpaces inflation and family budgets. A restraint on this uplift is warranted.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. There is scope to eliminate wasteful overheads and consolidate functions to lower overall

costs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Council's reliance on external advisors has grown unsustainably; the current level is not justified by outcomes.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (about $36 million per year) which according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A pause on non-essential vacancies could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over these discretionary allocations.Alternative budget stanceThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which caps the rate rise around 3% if implemented through $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze- $50 million from capping consultant spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosingI request the opportunity to present my submission at hearings to outline these positions in more detail and to answer questions from the panel. 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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## 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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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9375**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## 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?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to prioritise reducing wasteful expenditure to keep rates affordable.Key context and concerns The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069 (up from $2781 in 2022). Since 2022 rates have risen by around 30% in real terms far exceeding cumulative inflation (12%) and well above population growth (22%) since amalgamation.- The 7.9% package includes 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure indicates cost-shifting onto ratepayers rather than systemic

efficiency gains.Positions I support (Agrees) Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase; seek restraint to align with inflation and real household costs.- Reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; cut consultancy and professional services spend rather than allow continual growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (£36 million/year) which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing 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 (e.g. the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government role.Recommended budgeting approach (consistent with the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal) Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping the rate increase to roughly 3%.- Achieve this through: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million by capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I urge Council to adopt a disciplined evidence-based approach that lowers operating costs restrains non-essential programs and places essential services and ratepayer affordability first. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## 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?

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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

**#9376**

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

## Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The plan would raise the average residential bill by about $320 on top of a real rates rise since 2022 of around 30%.Key facts to consider The 7.9% increase is composed of 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. These costs should be scrutinised against the Council's overall expenditure and progress toward essential services.- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outpacing cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%).- Spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year across the Council group including roughly $60 million by the Auckland Council parent; the

average consultant earns about $200000. Expenses of this scale should be reviewed for efficiency and reduced where possible.- Spending on Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) amounts to about $171 million over 10 years. While community goals are important there is a case for prioritising statutory and essential services over larger discretionary programmes.- Payroll costs are rising rapidly with 6123 Council and CCO employees on six-figure salaries including 72 staff paid more than the Mayor. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation and personnel costs plus other expenses have risen faster than revenues.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates a workable path: a 3% cap on average rates by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) through a combination of: freezing non-essential hires and cutting payroll costs limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council: - adopt substantial efficiency measures to reduce backroom and consultancy spend;- cancel or pause the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which has not demonstrated net carbon savings;- freeze staffing or reduce vacancies to save at least $17 million immediately;- reassess Māori Outcomes funding and prioritise essential local government functions.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

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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

#9397

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**Local Board:** Henderson-Massey

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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 percent. With real increases well above inflation since 2022 Auckland's ratepayers are already bearing a heavy cost burden. The proposed breakdown " 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs " does not justify further escalation when there is a clear need to rein in wasteful expenditure.The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Current figures show high levels of outsourced advice and six-figure salaries across senior staff driving costs higher than

inflation and population growth. The ratepayers' alternative budget demonstrates that a careful consolidation of staff costs and vendor contracts can cap rate rises at around 3 percent while preserving essential services.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves and I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This approach alone could save at least $17 million immediately. I also advocate cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.In summary I urge Auckland Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to limit rate increases to around 3 percent. This should be achieved through personnel cost restraint caps on consultants renegotiation of contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#9414**

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## Your feedback:

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27.Key points- The proposed 7.9% rise is excessive and out of step with ordinary households. The average residential rates bill is already $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase well above inflation. The 7.9% breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs on top of 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets which compounds the pressure on ratepayers.- The Council must reduce wasteful expenditure. Spending on consultants averages $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many consultants

earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well ahead of inflation while payroll sits at about $1.3 billion.- I support reducing corporate and backroom functions and cutting consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- 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; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing and expanding Māori-specific spending beyond what is necessary for core local government functions. The ongoing $10 million per year for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a role for local government.Alternative budgetRatepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cut) to cap average residential rates increases at about 3% allocated as $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational changes and a hiring freeze- $50 million from capping consultancy spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsAdditional pointFocus on the basics and avoid broad non-essential initiatives that inflate costs and distract from essential services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **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.**

### 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?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **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.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| | **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. |
| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

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

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces**

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

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