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# Draft Golf Investment Plan 2022

# Waitakere Ranges

# Local Board

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## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Your local board:** Waitākere Ranges

## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** We should remove urban golf courses and turn them into public parks and housing.

### Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Ensure wetlands are created and/or improved.

### Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

**TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

Support

**Tell us why:**

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Let's add dirt cycling tracks around the golf courses. Encourage cyclo-cross.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

## Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** This plan will result in the destruction of Auckland golf. The plan is based on misconceptions, lies and fantasy and achieves an illogical outcome. For whatever reason the council is taking a bully boy attitude to golf and not applying the same lens to other pursuits.

### Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Golf has low barriers to entry as it is. Golfers can hire clubs, pay a fee and play without joining a club or requiring a membership. Every sport appeals to certain sectors of our society and that there is a gender/race imbalance is irrelevant. Is Auckland Council doing anything to address European representation in Rugby and Rugby League? Are they doing anything to address male representation in Netball? If not then why pick on golf? Is it because the Council is an anti-white racist organisation with a predisposition against males?

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** I could support this if the proposal was more than buzz words. Is this proposal suggesting the addition of mini-golf facilities to some courses? A specialist short range kids course? This proposal needs a lot more work before being put to the public.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Partially support

**Tell us why:** Flying golf balls and wildlife mix as well as airplanes and windmills. Whilst a level of eco-management applies to gold courses that should not distract from the primary purpose of a golf course.

## Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Buzz word central. Mixing golf with other activities does not work - period. We have seen this at Chamberlain Park where the council closed three holes because errant golf balls were finding their way to a cycle path and motorway.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Just as golf activities are not permitted to take place on cycle paths for obvious reasons, golf courses also need to be isolated from non-golfers to ensure the safety of all parties. Contrary to advise in the propaganda document this risk can not be adequately managed.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** Again, what does this actually mean?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   I don't know

   **Tell us why:** Who knows what this actually means in practice?

## Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This document is an absolute disgrace. It has been written in such a way that it is almost impossible to oppose for an individual who already does not play golf. The best had to be the focus on Asian under-representation in sports. Has anyone at Auckland Council been to a golf course? This thinly veiled plan

to reduce golf course size and hole number will reduce what is currently very high Asian participation in the sport.

With Maori males (#1) and European males (#2) so prevalent in this countries suicide statistics, it beggars belief that a democratic organisation would openly advocate for policies that will reduce those groups participation in an important mental health activity.

This document is under-developed to the extent that feedback is difficult. A number of the proposals are nothing more the buzz words and high-level thoughts. These will no doubt be used as "public support" to make sweeping changes which destroy Auckland golf. The best thing the council could do is sell the current golf course land and let the private sector take over.

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## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Like the moves to open up golf courses to other people and activities, while retaining golfing at some level, and better eco-management

### Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

### Key shift

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   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

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   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

## Other feedback

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## Your feedback

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   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** public spaces must be available to everyone

### Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** for the very reason we don't wish to live in a segregated society

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** we wish to be equal with each other

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** because these things matter

### Key shift

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**TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

Support

**Tell us why:** self explanatory

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** self explanatory

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** self explanatory

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** self explanatory

## Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   auckland council need to understand they have not done a good job of managing ratepayers assets and have allowed elitist's to control who can and who cannot. we are a ratepayer based city and everyone is to have access

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## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I don't know

   **Tell us why:** Idea is good, but what will be the costs and how will this be funded?

### Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** How will access to golf courses be managed, people can't just wander around as they will get hit by golf balls. Public access and pathways will need to be well defined to reduce risk of injury.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** It's a sport for all ages, sport for life.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** But how will this be managed?

### Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   I don't know

   **Tell us why:** I don’t think any of the legacy decisions by previous councils have been bad decisions?

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** As per previous comments, how will resource be funded and courses maintained to the same high standard.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** Please refer to previous comments, same comments apply.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** Again please refer to previous comments.

## Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I would like to be kept informed of developments

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**Your local board:** Waitākere Ranges

## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Fundamental misunderstanding of why more people (including young Aucklanders) do not play golf. The demand for golf playing slots at courses that do not charge over $50 a round athoc, or $2,000 plus a year is high, there are not enough true "public" courses to fulfill this demand.

   Due to the Lease renewal dates, the true "Public" golf courses that do not have prohibitive joining and membership fees (Such as Chamberlain, Waiuku and Takapuna (<$1000 a year) will be affected, with the experience of the people who use them significantly impacted, while the elite clubs such as Remuera ($9,235 the first year) will not be affected. This will just continue the existing issues of inequality and drive the utilization of these assets down.

   If the space for golf is lost it will never return. Current trends show that the popularity of golf is increasing, with many Auckland golf clubs needing to cap their memberships. reducing the options for people will just decress the supply, with the same demand, increasing the cost and making it more unequal. Golf is far more affordable in NZ than in Europe where it is incredibly elitest, why would we want to move towards this.

   While more Aucklanders do Walk etc, this does not require a specialized space. If I was to start to hit a golf ball on the side of a road there would be a significant risk to people and property. Likewise, you can't just start playing on a busy beach.

## Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** I support this objective, just not the plan to achieve it.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** I support this objective. This plan will not achieve it.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** This is not at the core of what the plan is addressing, and is seemingly just tagged on so the team that roles this out can just claim they were partially successful.

## Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** I support this objective. This plan will not achieve it.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Golf is not a sport conducive to shared space. The risk of injury for a golf ball can be significant, and this risk means that clubs will not be able to operate.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Golf courses are where you play golf. Yes, people use driving ranges, so they can play golf better. If you remove the golf courses (or may them unattractive) people will then stop using the driving ranges. The fact that mini golf is in this report at all shows the lack of understanding from those who drafted it.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** This is not at the core of what the plan is addressing, and is seemingly just tagged on so the team that roles this out can just claim they were partially successful.

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1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

### Objectives

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   Support

   **Tell us why:**

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

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I don't know

**Tell us why:**

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

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   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

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   Partially support

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## Your feedback

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   Support

   **Tell us why:**

### Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   I don't know

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

### Key shift

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Support

**Tell us why:**

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   Support

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   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

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   Support

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## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Golf clubs are an exclusive use of prime land for a select few, typically old white men

### Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

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Support

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   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Support

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   Support

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   Support

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## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** All the reasons set out in the proposal.

### Objectives

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   Support

   **Tell us why:**

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Golf is not special. There should be no support for it.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

### Key shift

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## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** More efficient use of space and Council resources, provides a greater range of uses of public land which will benefit a greater proportion of the population

### Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Golf courses take up a huge amount of space for how many people can or do use them per year, much more equitable to diversify and increase the types of users and potential number of users

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** Support retaining some golf offerings, especially those that are mentioned in this question, but only if this can be catered for while also substantially increasing alternative opportunities for others

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Golf courses are large areas of public land that currently have low biodiversity value, but areas of this size have the potential to add significantly as stepping stones and shelters for wildlife across the landscape and this is worth investing in - few o

## Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Makes sense to have a consistent and equitable approach for all Aucklanders

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Golf courses take up a huge amount of space for the number of participants able to participate per year, better to diversify uses for greater overall benefit to a greater number of people

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Makes sense to have a range of offerings as a pathway into traditional golf for newcomers, and to provide a more casual golfing experience for those that want that without moving towards playing full traditional courses

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Strongly support making best use of public land for ecological outcomes - having a clear strategy, targets (and funding to match) will be critical to ensuring this

## Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Your local board:** Waitākere Ranges

## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

## Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Golf is using a lot of land spaces and only serves for a small percentage of privileged people. This land belongs to Akl council and thus belongs to everyone

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Enough using petrol and pesticides to maintain ugly lawns in particular with all the droughts we get

## Key shift

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   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   I don't know

   **Tell us why:**

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

## Other feedback

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## Submitter details

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Your local board:** Waitākere Ranges

## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** The document is based on incorrect and out of date information.

### Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Golf is the most diverse adult sport in NZ.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:**

### Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

**TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

Don't support

**Tell us why:**

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Golf attracts the broadest and highest adult sport participation. This objective is based on incorrect data.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:**

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:**

## Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This document is typical of current government approach at all levels. To work from incorrect data and not consult the parties who hold the correct data prior to engagement with the public. This is both arrogant and dissapointing as you are here to serve Auckland, not ANY other agenda. Golf is the most popular and diverse adult sport in NZ and this document does not represent the right starting position. Please stop wasting taxpayer money and engage with the correct parties to start.

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**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Your local board:** Waitākere Ranges

## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** the information used for the plan is out of date, golf is booming in auckland and new zealand, so removing or reducing golf facilities will impact more than you realise. and due to safety, sharing golf courses is impractical.

### Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:**

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

## Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

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   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:**

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:**

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:**

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**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Your local board:** Waitākere Ranges

## Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** The plan has major flaws in the data that is presented and many assumptions e.g. your statements on the diversity and cultural background of golfers assumes that it is a white middle class pursuit, whereas, from personal observation, golf is very popular in the Asian (very high at all courses), Pasifika and Maori communities (particularly at Chamberlain Park and courses on the outskirts of the region). The assumption that minor sports such as tennis and orienteering are marginalised because of golf is dubious, there are plentiful tennis courts, open spaces and playing fields for all other sports...their problem is that they aren't popular, not like golf. This plan looks like the veiled beginnings of open space land grab for housing developments!

## Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Auckland has plentiful open spaces and facilities for other sports and outdoor activities. Council is targeting golf courses by stealth for housing developments.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** Agree that it would be great to see golf facilities being developed to cater for golf skills development, more driving ranges and practice areas.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Support

**Tell us why:** Council need to be actively involved in this by assisting clubs and providing resources. Rather that taking open spaces away they need to be encouraged and developed to enhance bio-diversity. The master plan for Chamberlain Park required the removal of do

## Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   **TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   **Tell us why:** Council needs to be sure that their consultation is broad ranging and fair...there is a history of "bulldozing" (excuse the pun) through "plans" from uninformed and biased local boards (individuals with specific agendas and ambitions) with only a cursory

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   **TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   **Tell us why:** Council planners have it in their head that golfers are "hogging" all the land for their personal use. I have observed many instances of the general public enjoying the open spaces of golf courses while golf is being palyed...it just needs to be managed properly, particularly on the Council run courses where the management is generally sub-standard. The majority of playing fields (rugby, soccer, cricket, hockey) and facilities stand idle most of the time, particularly during the week...they are generally empty whereas the golf course are usually at capacity seven days a week. I suggest you visit some golf courses and see how full the carparks are!

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   **TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people**

   I don't know

   **Tell us why:** I don't know what this means, taking away the land for housing developments? Please use plain language rather than meaningless bureaucratic speak...what is meant by a "mid-level development" and "broad" golf service?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   **TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets**

   Support

   **Tell us why:** Good one, get on and do it

## Other feedback

**9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

It seems to me that Council are focussed on carving up golf course land as they think that "golfers" are an easy target and easier to convince the general population that it is a good idea to take these invaluable assets away. Please get out to the courses and undertake real research based on actual usage, not half baked assumptions based on old statistics garnered from outdated surveys. The popularity of golf has increased immensely as a result of the pandemic. Also, consult with golfers, the clubs, Auckland Golf, North Shore Golf and NZ Golf more thoroughly, currently it is "token" consultation.

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