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Manurewa Local Board

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N/A

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Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed local board specific key areas of spend?

A. Explore ways to get the best value from our play spaces so they continue to meet the needs of children and families.

B. Run regular seminars for community groups/organisations on the local grant's application process.

C. Identify what type of indoor/sheltered courts are necessary to support sports play in Flat Bush.

D. Continue advocacy of the Tāmaki estuary on water quality and coastal erosion.

E. Continue to advocate to crime prevention organisations on behalf of the community for ongoing safety initiatives.

F. Continue to support our volunteer groups with resources needed for ecological volunteering, such as stream clean-ups and pest plant weeding.

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

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For the better development of areas needs extra budget. And needs to finish project on time

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

It would be better to find other resources to collect revenue not only depending on rates

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Manurewa

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It would be better to give priorities to new other cultural groups and celebrating together with New Zealanders

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Tell us why

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My partner and I both work but still feel financial pressure because of rising living costs. We try to manage expenses carefully because any unexpected situation like medical issues or job instability could create financial difficulty.

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Increasing rates adds another expense that many families in South Auckland may struggle to absorb.

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Manurewa

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Infrastructure projects should be balanced with affordability for residents. Economic conditions are uncertain and many households are trying to reduce spending wherever possible.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Council should consider the economic pressure on working families who are trying to maintain financial stability during uncertain times.

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

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Support most

Tell us why

Im not aware of most of the options

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7088,339121,,Manurewa,Do not support most,I submit in a strong and direct manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points:- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-standing real increase in rates since 2022 of 30 percent versus 12 percent inflation. The proposed breakdownâ€”2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”must be reconsidered in light of the overall fiscal burden on households.- The Council must curb expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continued growth.- I support cancelling 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; that measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose further unmandated Maori-specific spending. The $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) is not a function of local government and should be scaled back accordingly.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget is a constructive path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rates rise at 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional personal context: I voted for Wayne Brown previously believing he would deliver lower rates. I won't make that mistake again.I request that the Council consider these positions and the alternative budget framework when finalising the draft plan. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing00

710339109,,Manurewa,Do not support most,The rate rise is well above inflation and does not reflect value for money for ratepayers.Key points driving my submission:1) Rates impact. The proposed 7.9% increase would add about $320 to the average household bill (current average $4069). Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen by 85% far outstripping inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The burden on households is unsustainable.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs. I oppose continuing to increase expenditure on consultants and non-essential corporate functions. The Alliance briefing highlights $126 million per year on consultants across the Council

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7102,339107,,Manurewa,Do not support most,I write in a personal and sincere manner to express concerns about the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and the Council's overall spending priorities. While I understand pressures on city services I believe a leaner better-prioritised budget is needed to protect households and slow the growth in rates.Points of view I support1) Expenditure reduction across corporate and backroom functions. Heavy overheads within the Council and CCOs are not justifiable when households face cost of living pressures. A leaner central and back-office operation is essential to deliver value with lower rates increases.2) Control of consultancy and professional services. The current trajectory of high spend on consultants is unsustainable. Reducing reliance on external advisers and internalising capability should be a priority.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year with emissions benefits not clearly outweighing the cost this programme should be halted or substantially redesigned.4) Reduce Māori-specific spending within Ngā Mātārae. Proposed expenditure of about $10 million per year on Māori outcomes is not a function of local government and funds should be redirected to essential services that benefit all ratepayers.Additional context and budgeting alternative- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent. Proposed measures include a hiring freeze and organisational change to lower personnel costs by $50 million capping consultancy spend at $50 million renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.- This approach would address significant cost drivers: personnel costs consultants contracts and discretionary grants while maintaining core services.ClosingI request the opportunity to speak at hearings to further outline these views. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing00

7253,338956,,Manurewa,Do not support most,1. My position- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. With a current average bill of $4069 and a real increase well above inflation since 2022 ratepayers are enduring rising living costs while facing questionable spend that does not prioritise essential services.- The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further growth in these areas.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and I believe emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing

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7259,33895,Manurewa,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% (versus 12% inflation). A 7.9% rise is well above inflation and fails to recognise the burden placed on households.Key concerns and required actions:1) Wasteful and escalating spend: Council spending on consultants is reported at $126 million per year across the Council group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and average consultant pay around $200k. Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 far exceeding cumulative inflation. Corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs require substantial pruning to deliver affordable services.2) Staffing and payroll: Council payroll totals about $1.3 billion with 6123 employees in the Council group on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor's $306741. Freezing non-essential vacancies and reducing payroll costs would deliver immediate reliefâ€”an estimated $17 million or more.3) Spending priorities: The Maori Outcomes budget (Ngā Mātārae) totals around $10 million per year which I believe is beyond the proper scope of local government. Funding should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.4) Specific cost-saving measures: The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme at about $36 million per year citing carbon savings that do not justify the cost. It should contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to recover savings and reduce reliance on external consultants.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average rates increase at 3%. This includes:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Vendor consolidation and renegotiations: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionWith fuel and cost pressures mounting it is unacceptable to push households toward higher bills. Enough is enough.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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My understanding based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing is that the rate rise would amount to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a long history of rising costs that outpace inflation and population growth.Key points guiding my submission:- The 7.9% increase should be reined in. A 3% cap is achievable if we address wasteful expenditure rather than continuing to fund expanding backroom and consultant-heavy activity.- There is a clear need to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb spend on consultancy and professional services. These costs appear to grow faster than

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Tell us why

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I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a thorough review of wasteful expenditure to keep rates affordable for households.1. Rationale for opposing the 7.9% rate increase- The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase of 30% since 2022 well above cumulative inflation. The proposed 7.9% rise compounds this burden on households.- The 7.9% increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A reallocation away from excessive growth in operating costs and debt-servicing is necessary to stabilise rates.2. Wasteful expenditure and cost-cutting measures- Council spending on consultants stands at about $126 million per year across the Council group; the Auckland Council parent accounts for roughly $60 million with average consultants earning around $200k. Reducing personnel costs and capping consultancy spend should be prioritised.- Direct operating expenditure rose 78% between 2013 and 2023 far outstripping inflation. There is a need for stronger efficiency initiatives procurement reforms and vendor consolidation to protect ratepayers.- The payroll of the Council and CCOs totals about $1.3 billion with 6123 staff in six-figure roles and 72 staff paid more than the mayor. Freezing vacancies in non-essential roles could yield immediate savings (the submission supports freezing hiring for non-essential positions saving at least $17 million).- Māori-focused spending (Ngā Mātārae) totals around $10 million per year; the submission contends that these functions should be deprioritised within local government roles and redirected to essential statutory services.3. Alternative budget proposal- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates to about 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultants and contract renegotiations while prioritising statutory and essential services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing00

I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge decisive steps to cut wasteful spending and prioritise essential services.The proposed 7.9% uplift is excessive. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (in 2022 dollars) against 12% 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 elevates ratepayer burden well beyond reasonable returns on a growing city.I Agrees that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which now total around $126 million per

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Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a plan to curb wasteful expenditure and reallocate funds to essential services and rate relief.Key points1) Rates and affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase of 30% since 2022 (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). This is unacceptable in today's inflationary environment and must be limited to no more than inflation-adjusted levels.2) Wasteful spend and backroom costs: Council spending on consultants is excessiveâ€”about $126 million per year across the Council group with a typical consultant

earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have grown far faster than inflation while 18 corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure. The Council must reduce personnel costs and freeze non-essential staffing rather than continue hiring.3) Specific spending to cut or curtail- Curb consultancy and professional services: reduce by at least $50 million as outlined in the alternative budget.- Freeze non-essential roles: halt hiring and reduce payroll costs; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Food Scraps Programme: cancel the $36 million/year programme which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Māori outcomes spending: reconsider the $10 million/year dedicated to Ngā Mātārae arguing that this is not a core local-government function.4) Alternative budget rationale: The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rate increases at about 3% through targeted reductions and efficiencies:- $50 million from personnel costs and hiring freezes- $50 million from capping consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsNew Zealand currently faces an oil/shock and high inflation means rate increases must be avoided. The Council was expected to pursue waste reduction and efficiencies not expanding costly cultural programmes. I urge a disciplined review of spending and a policy shift toward rate relief and core services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing00

9386,336666,,Manurewa,Do not support most,Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (versus 12% headline inflation). This level of rise far outstrips the community's ability to pay and undermines household budgeting.- The rate rise is ill-structured: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This distribution shows a heavy tilt toward operating costs and growth-driven expenditure not a clear value-for-money outcome for ratepayers.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance presents an alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) by freezing non-essential staffing capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services. This would enable a maximum 3% rates rise and better protect households.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 allowing continued growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs approximately $36 million/year) and reallocate toward essential services.- 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 $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given concerns about local government roles and accountability.Additional points- Redirect scarce funds toward core statutory responsibilities and essential services to deliver tangible benefits for ratepayers.ClosingI would like to speak to my submission at a hearing00

9532,336514,,Manurewa,Do not support most,"I submit in a strong and direct tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for meaningful reductions in wasteful council spending and backroom costs.1) Rates increase and fiscal responsibility- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise is excessive equating to about $320 for the average household on top of a reality where rates have risen 85% since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The current average bill of $4069 reflects a real burden on households that cannot be justified by the stated needs of essential

services alone.2) Spending controls and efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and back-office functions across the Council and CCOs. There is clear scope to streamline operations and cut waste.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be restrained rather than expanded. The current pattern including $126 million per year across the Council group and average consultant pay around $200k is unsustainable and fails the test of value for money for ratepayers.- 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.- A hiring freeze and/or prioritised restraint on vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings; the Alliance cites potential savings of at least $17 million right away.- There is a case to pause or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year directed to Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) which should be the responsibility of central government rather than local government.3) Alternative budget and fit-for-purpose priorities- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise at 3% by targeting personnel costs consultants contract negotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to adopt these savings measures and to set a rate path closer to inflation and essential needs rather than passing the burden onto households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.1) Opposition to rate rise- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This is well above inflation and amounts to about $320 more per year for the average household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of 30 percent.2) Wasteful spending and reform- 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 climb these costs.- 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 $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.3) Specific financial context- The 7.9% proposal is breakdown-supported: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This aligns with a broader pattern of elevated spending and limited restraint on non-core activities.- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%).4) What I request- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rates) achieved through the four steps listed above.- Cap the average residential rates increase to around 3 percent.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?