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Written Feedback

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support most of the proposed Annual Plan because it puts too much pressure on Devonport-Takapuna while risking cuts to local arts, community services, events, and grants. Our community needs fair funding so essential local participation and wellbeing are protected.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not support adding more fees and charges on top of the rates increase. Even small extra costs add pressure to households and communities already struggling with rising living costs.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support most of the proposed options for Devonport-Takapuna because they reduce investment in the very services that keep communities connected — including events, grants, community groups, and arts organisations. In fact, the cuts undermine Community expenditure objectives on p.9 which state: Continue to deliver differently by transitioning of community services from a dependence on assets to more innovative ways. and Progress urgent community asset renewals to safeguard our facilities from asset failure. If we take Lake House Arts Centre as an example - the Trust owns its130 year old namesake building and heritage barracks outright. As a Category B heritage facility on public land, we don't qualify for heritage maintenance funding. Yet we carry 100% of building and grounds maintenance costs, including heritage and compliance obligations\ - none of which are borne by ratepayers.

The Trust has reinvested more than $750,000 over the past decade to protect and upgrade this public asset. Lake House develops exceptional Mātauranga and Toi Māori classes, exhibitions, events, and outreach programmes — opportunities not previously available to our local communities.

In fact, Lake House delivers more programme sessions than comparable centres, offer the most scholarships and free outreach, and do so with comparatively low Council operational funding.

I cannot think of a better example of innovative ways of delivering community services on a shoestring, at almost no ratepayer cost - compare that to Council-owned and/or operated facilities.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

I don't know

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

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G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

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H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

The proposed cuts, above, miss the point that they are largely provided by low-cost and/or volunteer local residents. Volunteers are the best return-on-investment conceivable - why cut voluntary services?

I am prioritising supporting people. I do not support cuts to local events, contestable grants, community organisations, or arts organisations such as Lake House Arts. These services directly support wellbeing, belonging, cultural identity, and affordable participation. If savings must be made, people-facing services should be protected first.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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My main concern is that the plan combines higher rates with reduced local services. That risks weakening community life, arts access, and local participation. Auckland Council should ensure Devonport-Takapuna is funded fairly so essential community services are not reduced.

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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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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5	**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?

Council should prioritise libraries, local events, community grants, support for local organisations, and arts and cultural services. These are the services that most directly support connection, wellbeing, learning, and affordable access for the whole community.

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?

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I cannot support most of the proposed Annual Plan because it places excessive financial pressure on Devonport-Takapuna while potentially reducing funding for local arts, community services, events, and grants. Our community needs equitable funding so that important opportunities for participation, wellbeing, and local engagement are maintained.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not support introducing additional fees or charges alongside the proposed rates increase. Even modest increases can create extra strain for households and community groups who are already dealing with the impact of higher living costs.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I am concerned about most of the proposed options for Devonport-Takapuna because they appear to reduce investment in services that help bring people together — including community events, grants, local organisations, and arts initiatives.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

I don’t know

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

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Do not support

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I don’t know

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

My priority is supporting people and community wellbeing. I do not support reducing funding for local events, contestable grants, community organisations, or arts groups such as Rose Centre, The Depot and Lake House. These initiatives play a vital role in strengthening connection, supporting cultural expression, and providing accessible opportunities for people to take part in community life. If budget reductions are required, services that directly benefit people should be protected.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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My key concern is that the plan combines higher rates with potential reductions to local services. This could weaken community engagement, limit access to arts and culture, and reduce opportunities for people to participate locally. Auckland Council should ensure Devonport-Takapuna receives fair funding so that essential community services can continue.

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

Council should prioritise funding for libraries, community events, local grants, support for community organisations, and arts and cultural programmes. It is not appropriate to prioritise one over another, as all of these services are equally important in supporting connection, wellbeing, learning, and accessible participation. They should not be set in competition with each other.

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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?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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Tell us why

This can be good and bad because it might make things more expensive but also help protect our weak points.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think that it might be pretty costly for the public to pay these fees, but at the same time, it will help to provide the government with more money to pay for more things that we need as the public.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

I think these things that are being reduced are good and should not have reduced funding, since lots of people love these things and will be disappointed to hear this.

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Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

All of these things are great and should continue to have the non-reduced funding towards them.

Question 4: Other feedback

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No, I do not, but I think the things should continue to have the funding put towards them.

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

Because some of these things are almost needed and the others are just wanted a lot.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

You are still spending too much money. Everywhere I look the Council is spending money - mostly on vanity/nice to have projects. You need to do a lot less. Please stop spending such a lot of money. We have an aging and declining population - we need fewer things not more.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

You should stop doing rubbish collection and let the private sector do that and charge accordingly. It should not be a compulsory charge. People should choose what rubbish collection they want - bring back the old bag system.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I prefer decisions being made locally rather than the Council. Give the local board a budget and let them decide how to spend it.

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Support

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Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

Let the decisions be made by the Local Board,

Question 4: Other feedback

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I can't understand why our rates are going up to pay for the CRL? I am on the North Shore and do not want the CRL. Can someone please explain why I should pay for it?

The Tupuna Maunga Authority obviously has a lot of money to spend - there was no demand from the community for the current upgrade of courts on Mt Vic but it seems to be happening anyway. The new steps on North Head down to Cheltenham Beach are not as good as the old steps.

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Please prioritise cycleways and the regional parks. Please discourage tourism and regional events as the city cannot cope with all the extra pressure being put on it.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

rate increase is too high

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

To Auckland Council,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed 7.9 per cent rates increase outlined in the Annual Plan 2026/2027.

This level of increase is simply unacceptable. At a time when Auckland households are already under significant financial pressure from the rising cost of living, a 7.9 per cent rates rise places an unfair and disproportionate burden on ratepayers.

I am particularly concerned that the primary driver of this increase is the $235 million annual cost of the City Rail Link — a cost dominated by interest and depreciation on the council's share of the CRL. Ratepayers were not adequately consulted on the full long-term financial implications of this project, and it is deeply troubling that its ongoing costs are now being passed directly onto households through rates.

The CRL was sold to Aucklanders as a transformational investment. It should not become a mechanism for open-ended rates hikes year after year. Council must urgently explore alternative funding arrangements — including central government contributions and user-pay mechanisms — rather than continuing to burden ratepayers.

I call on Auckland Council to:

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2. Conduct a full, transparent review of the ongoing CRL cost burden and how it is being funded.

3. Demonstrate genuine fiscal discipline and accountability before asking ratepayers to absorb further increases.

Ratepayers deserve better than an annual cycle of above-inflation rate rises. I urge the council to listen to the community and act responsibly with public money.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

To Auckland Council,

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Support

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

they are not a priority and don't justify the ~7% rate increase

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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#2489

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not like the rates increase justification being costs associated with CRL. Why is this part of our rates. 7.9% is a decent increase and my question is each year how sustainable these increases are and at what point they become entirely unaffordable. There must be another way. My thought is that International Travelers should pay higher visa charges to enter the country and within this a high proportion should go to Auckland Council. Not Central government. We also should pay a bit more for toll roads we use or even the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Perhaps a fee for taking your car

into the city within a ser perimeter (like London) for the Auckland International Airport should become a collection point to fund Auckland infrastructure.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Agree with parking fee increases in residential areas.

Perhaps more payments for residential permits if people want or need them.

More transport options like bring in waymo (?) cars and make it more attractive to jump in those when uou need them.

Also, introduce single car tolling and why not make it no tolls for cars with 2+ passengers.

I think basics like sewerage and clean water for sure need to be high priority.

If roads become too much more of an issue, just charge more tolls to drive in at peak times.

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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I do not support continued reliance on rates increases as the primary mechanism for funding major infrastructure and ongoing council expenditure. A 7.9% increase is material, and the trajectory of repeated increases raises a fundamental question of long-term affordability for Auckland households.

There are more sustainable, fair, and economically aligned funding approaches available. I strongly encourage Auckland Council to prioritise the following:

1. Congestion Pricing

Introduce targeted congestion pricing in high-traffic areas and peak periods. This ensures those who place the greatest demand on infrastructure contribute proportionately, while also improving traffic flow and productivity.

2. Value Capture (Targeted Rates Near CRL and Key Infrastructure)

Major projects such as the City Rail Link significantly increase surrounding land values and development potential. A targeted value capture approach—focused on those who directly benefit—would be a fairer alternative to spreading costs across all ratepayers.

3. Visitor Levies

Auckland is the primary gateway for international visitors, who place demand on local infrastructure but do not contribute to rates. Mechanisms such as an increased visitor levy, accommodation levies, or airport-linked charges should be explored, with revenue ringfenced for Auckland infrastructure.

4. Increased Central Government Funding

Projects like the City Rail Link are national assets with broad economic benefits. Funding should reflect this, with a greater share carried at the national level rather than disproportionately by Auckland ratepayers.



5. Smarter Use of Council-Owned Assets

Auckland Council owns significant assets. Before increasing rates, there should be a clear and transparent strategy demonstrating how these assets are being optimised. This could include:

- Long-term leasing (rather than outright sale) of selected assets such as port or car park operations
- Joint ventures with the private sector to unlock development potential
- Activation of underutilised land holdings

Ratepayers should be shown clearly how these approaches reduce pressure on rates.

6. Attracting Global Capital (High Net Worth Residency Models)

There is an opportunity to explore structured pathways for high net worth individuals to invest in New Zealand, including Auckland, in a way that supports long-term infrastructure funding.

This could include:

- Investment-linked residency or citizenship pathways
- Ongoing annual community contribution fees tied to residency in Auckland
- Targeted investment into infrastructure or housing supply

This approach recognises the intergenerational investment made by existing residents, while enabling new capital to contribute meaningfully to the city's future.

Expectation of Transparency

Most importantly, ratepayers need to see a clear connection between these types of initiatives and reduced reliance on rates.

I ask that Auckland Council:

- Quantifies the potential revenue from alternative funding sources
- Demonstrates how these would offset future rates increases
- Communicates a credible plan to rebalance funding away from households

Conclusion

Auckland cannot continue to default to rates increases as the primary solution. The current model is not sustainable over the long term.

A shift toward user-pays, beneficiary-pays, external funding sources, and better asset utilisation is both necessary and achievable. I strongly encourage Council to prioritise these approaches and provide a clear roadmap for reducing the burden on ratepayers.

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

It seems to me that affordable clean water, reliable electricity, public safety, quality infrastructure and direct support to grow businesses woild be good areas to prioritise. I like the ways tech is being leveraged eg parking wardens now just cars with cameras. That kust efficiency gain must be making a decent difference to the pot of cash coning in from parking fees alone. There must be other smart ways of collecting cash, like this.

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

Other (please specify):I get the desire to have a vibrant city. Also we don't seem to have the population and in Auckland we are already now very spread out. The city itself is a bit bitsy. Britomart, Wynyard, Queen Street (not a great vibe). Wondering if there is to be focus on the city that a defined area or exclusion zone is created and funding is targetted to make it attractive in that smaller zone. I am thinking Waterfront (Britomart througb to Wynyard).

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#2558

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Transportation is the most important things

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The rate increased too much

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The rate of 7.9% increases are too much. The cost for road work is too much as it was wasted by some lazy workers who are playing phone instead of working, at the same time the plan was not overall efficient. The roads were opened and closed too many time to waste the money.

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Do not support

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Support

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I don’t know

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

The tax payer's money should be spent more effectively and efficiently

Question 4: Other feedback

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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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Do not support

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

I do not support reduced funding for facilities such as the Lake House Arts Centre, (Item 6 above). This place provides essential support for ongoing learning and creative expression for the North Shore community. It supports artists and their craft and provides a centre for community arts events. The courses available provide extremely valuable mental stimulation and social connectivity, particularly for the older members of the community, helping to reduce some of the risks associated with isolation and aging. I have personally attended some of these courses and have hugely benefited from them, and enjoyed them enormously. Please continue to support the Lake House Arts Centre.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Personally, I think that the CRL is a white elephant in that we do not have a large

population for Auckland and most of those People who live on Aucklands North Shore will probably not use the CRL in their lifetime which leaves around 900,000

people to utilise the CRL on a daily basis.

Latest figures from Auckland Transport was that they estimate only 17-18

thousand people using the CRL a decline from the earlier forecast of 25,000

When we look at MRT or CRL systems in other countries we see that the number of people utilising their transport system is approx 2.5 million. (Singapore)

The number of people travelling on a daily basis covers the cost of operation

and I have not included tourists in these figures.

Aucklands via their rates will continue to pay for this white elephant for many years to come. People of 18 - 35 years have already left NZ shores to find a better

life whereas in the recent Kantor poll it showed beyond doubt that NZ residents

working from home will not utilise the CRL and therefore to even have an underground system operational will impact on peoples income in that they will

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Currently we are charged for 3 bins that Akl council have targeted under rates.

The number of homes utilising scrap bins has declined due to the addition of an extra bin

for household rubbish. People are no longer separating household scraps for their scrap bin

and just dumping all of their waste into the household bin which prior to the changes by Waste Management with their targeted rate which all people had to adhere to

I personally do not think that those people involved with Waste Management actually gave a thought on the Auckland peoples laziness' hence the problems involved with waste.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Ratepayers living in the Devonport/Takapuna area currently pay some of the highest rates to Auckland Council but we do not receive our share of the finance when the decisions of spend are recommended. Tourists who travel to New Zealand visit Auckland naturally and generally spend several days (2 or more) on Aucklands North Shore. The Kantor poll shows an interest in staying near beachs and where there are water sports available.
This does not apply to South or West Auckland mainly because of the limited availability of tourist requirements.

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Support

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Support

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E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

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Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

I don’t know

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

I don’t know

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

I think that those topics I have marked in black need to be examined re the payments that

ratepayers are currently funding. Whilst it would be ideal to have these on our wish list we as

Aucklanders simply do not have the money to finance these options.

As a Neighbourhood support member for our street I am aware that due to Auckland councils yearly increases that some of my neighbours can no longer pay the increased rates on their properties and that over the past 10 years have paid out an eyewatering $100,000

to the councils rates department. They are unable to attend to their homes for repairs etc

because the council simply bleeds any additonal savings they may have from them dispite being able to apply for rates rebate which is much lower than their rates increase.

They

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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I believe that at some time or another that Auckland Council are going to need to contact

Central government to look at an alternative method of collecting income in order to operate the Super City. There are insufficient people who own property to pay rates and there are many people

who live in this city who pay no rates at all. Those people who rent and who receive an allowance for accommodation support has the money forwarded to their landlord

They do not receive a rates bill

Maori Land which is undeveloped and sits there unused do not pay rates whereas a piece of land owned by a company pay rates on unused land.

I believe that the system of rating property should be abolished and a system of charging

a citizens tax should be looked at which would cover all citizens living in Auckland irrespective

of their income and where they live as each of us use, or do not use the options given in life

The constant approach to taxing the so called rich in affluent parts of Auckland should be

examined in that you may see the true sides of life in that you will become aware of people

who are asset rich based on property prices but because of the high rating are forced to

apply for food parcels whilst their income is taken from them by Council in order to operate the city. I believe that the cap on rates and a cap on peoples property should be imposed

and applaud the work that Mr Simon Watts is actioning to bring this to some finalization

The Council flyer that is printed each quarter 'Where your rates go' does not include Salary/wages that ratepayers are expected to pay to employ the many on high incomes within Akl Council corridors.

Nor does the Ratepayers Update include cost of contracts eg. Contract with TreeScapes

Nor does it cover cost of Consultants who are regularly completing documents required by

Mayor and Council and because of a lack of funds available are quietly filed away.

Nor does it cover the cost of Law firms who are regularly charging the Auckland Council

for work done on Councils behalf.

We as citizens of Auckland did not ask for nor did we require the number of road cones placed on the road for a simple road construction. I counted the other day on Hurstmere road 3 lines of cones amounting to approx 60 cones. The Mayor Wayne Brown said he was

looking into this with Auckland Transport Nothing has changed.

Nor did we require elevated pedestrian crossing that affect your vehicles suspension each time one travels over them. Several vehicles (Police. fire engines and St John ambulance reported that their vehicle base were affected when they had to travel quickly over these

crossings in order to get to a medical or policing issue that involved human life.

Nor did we expect that the CBD would become a concrete monolith and with the cities Flagship Smith & Caughey closing their doors the life of the city leaves only the homeless and

criminal element left. Sadly I do not think that the CRL will bring life back to the CBD of the city.

Finally to the Mayor & Councillors may I recommend a book entitled Problem Solving and

Decision Making By Kepna & Trego (2 businessman based in New York) who dveloped a system whereby they could make good decision making based on Situation Appraisel

followed by Simple Problem Solving , Potential Problems based on your final Decision Making

which would save us all financially thus making Auckland a far better place to live and enjoy life.

Thank you for giving me the chance to write out my thoughts on Council Activities.

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

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I think that for the future Aucklands traffic is the main priority. I think that all households should be allowed to have a maximum of no more than two vehicles. With council looking at new

housing blocks of apartments etc and where there is no garaging available parking will

become a problem and I can confirm that in the street I live in this is already becoming a problem. One vehicle may have a garage to park their vehicle whilst the other vehicles owned by the owners are parked on the street all day & night until they need to use them.

Regional Parks & Environment along with Local Parks are important to people who no longer can afford a property with a garden/lawn and only have apartments to look forward to.

Flood resilience. I find it hard to understand why this issue was not thought of before it happened.and people lives were affected by property speculators.

The last two topics Planning & Infrastructure and Economic Development I believe should involve private companies who can operate their ideas which will encourage new immigrants

to New Zealand. Currently the shape that New Zealand is in at the moment does not appeal

to new immigrants' and I do not see New Zealands population growing in the near future

Those who are comming to New Zealand as new immigrants are doing so for better life than the one they are currently living because either their country is being operated by a dictator

and they have heard of democracy.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The city rail link does not help the North Shore.

There is a 62% increase in the parking permit proposal, which is excessive.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Again, most of these changes do not benefit the North Shore.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

A 5% increase would be more realistic based on people's earnings and property values. The 62% increase in parking permits is inflated and unfair.

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Do not support

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Other

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Do not support

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

Reducing funding to grants and local events needs to be refined on a case-by-case basis. Parks volunteers, and environmental factors are critical to the long-term well-being of our communities and environments.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Kaipātiki

Kaipātiki Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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As a user and member of two radio-controlled yacht groups using Onepoto basin (Seawinds and the Ancient mariners) I am asking that the continued use of the present algaecide treatments, are continued in the 2026-2027 annual plan, / budget. This treatment HAS worked, whereas lack of care and maintenance by council prior to its implementation had meant the lack of use of this public facility for a year,

This request falls directly in line with the Auckland councils' fundamental points of operation that being WATER its use and care of.

This body of water for a year became a filthy smelly mess due to members of the Kaipatiki board

turning a blind eye to a problem. You now know about it, the funds have been put aside for two more applications of a proven remedy

Thank you to the board members who have championed the regeneration of this tired Gem of the North Shore,

And Shame on those of you with your personal agendas.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Nunnerley.

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please use the CRL fee to cover the cost.

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Support

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

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Have some shame

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Firstly, the question choices are designed to force people to either say they are not supportive or support everything. There is no support some.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Tone deaf.

At present there is a cost of living crisis. Council then says raise rates by close to ten percent.

Where are the cost saving initiatives, efficiency, reduction in government size. Focus on core activities not all this cultural stuff that is a luxury at best and divisive.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Support

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Support

D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.

Support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Support

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

Costs need to be reducedSupport

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I want to see use of English rather than everything being changed to Maori.

I want one set of rules for everyone, no special treatment for Maori. The Waitangi tribunal has addressed grievances, ongoing finger in the scale is divisive.

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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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	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?

AT had become bloated and needs to be reworked.

Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Your feedback:

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Do not support any

Tell us why

costs are through the roof as is

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Not a good time to implement rates increase when the Council has already tanked the property market recently.

This will crush the property market and put many low income households in financial hardship and you will then force them to sell for less than what they bought a few years ago. Absolutely zero financial sense in respect to NZ economy now

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna,Rodney

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

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E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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I don't know

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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You need to stop thinking that you can raise rates from normal households. This will create a catalyst to financial hardship for low income households.

The increase in rate WILL BE passed down from landlord to tenants. IT DOES NOT HELP ANYONE

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

Real transport for North Shore to start off maybe? Why is North Shore subsidizing for greater Auckland with no return? this is laughable

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Do not support any

Tell us why

With housing prices plummeting, interest rates remaining high, and the cost of holding property skyrocketing, the rate hikes are extremely unreasonable.

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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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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Heading in the wrong direction!

Question 4: Other feedback

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Do not support any

Tell us why

It only benefits some of the Auckland population, yet we are ALL paying for it. The CRL, without taxpayer funding from central government would have bankrupted the council who are incapable of both funding and managing such a project. Secondly, the rates increase proposed is obscene. Given everyone is struggling right now, how on earth do you justify an increase that is more than double the inflation rate?

The council ought to be advised to find the costs for ITs dreams with in. There are far too many council staff, way to many managers, why do we need a miserable mayor who ai certainly did not vote for, a deputy mayor, a CEO, a COO etc and a board, and councillors the later the miserable mayor puts down and does not listen too, despite the councillors roles been the voice of the electorate? Out of touch and misguided.

Time to get back to basics and reality pease. I cannot wear any more increases in rate rises thanks. I have not had a pay rise in four years, everyone wants ridiculous increases in charges, but get with reality, there is only

so much money the public has. Cut your management numbers and streamline costs, I have yet to see any evidence of this and wasn't that the grumpy miserable mayor's promise he would carry out?

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Outrageous and out of touch.

Where do the council think folks have the money to fund this blackmail? Cut your cost please, get back to reality. I do. To see any value and evidence of my hard earned money being spent in the right places. I want to see real cost cutting at council. I cannot fund this out of touch and misguided view at council that I have loads of money floating about to fund double inflation rate rises.

Like everything, I seriously doubt this will be taken on board by council of mayor. But enough is a laugh. This is far from a liveable city, it is congested, over prices, high crime, low jobs, low future prospects. Get back in touch with reality please.

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Devonport-Takapuna

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Funding. And return on investment is all wrong.

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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I don’t know

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Do not support

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

Isn't funding the above a core part of what the council is about? Not vanity projects that bankrupt the city to benefit a very small percentage of rate payers. Again, misguided and out of touch.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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How about sending a survey to rate payers to gauge what they feel are the priorities, conduct NPS surveys on council performance. You exist only to serve the rate payers, yet feels very much the other way around.

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

Think climate change resilience. There is only so much land and space to hold a sustainable population. Unless you create new class leading communities where there is land and build connected infrastructure and transport (no, mass transit is not buses, they are the feeders to mass transit, i.e rail). Granting consent to these poorly built new houses (12 houses where one stood in my street but zero improvement to the infrastructure to support it, flooding in particular, cars parked on blind corners both sides of the road and opposite street creating near miss accidents involving road users, pedestrians and cyclists), poor planning about schooling, recreational space, or taking into account street character, healthcare, and transport.

Think about building communities and lead and guide best practice for climate resilience. For example why on earth are solar panels not mandatory for all new builds? Missed opportunity.

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Support most

Tell us why

A focus on public transport and its infrastructure is needed in Auckland desperately. There also needs urgent attention required on addressing the traffic in the northern motorway (north of the bridge). Traffic is no longer limited to commuter times. A second harbour crossing would be HUGELY beneficial.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Is it fair for people who don't live in Kingsland and Onehunga, or anywhere near there to pay in their rates fo improvement to that area? I don't think so.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna,Kaipātiki

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

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Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

I don’t know

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Spaces used by everyone, or the majority should be prioritised over spaces where only a few benefit

Kaipātiki Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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I wholehearted support anything that will benefit our Tuupuna Maunga .

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Community houses and libraries as these are community hubs that go above and beyond in the vast array of services they provide.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

You must not increase rates. You must reduce waste and over staffing and doing un-necessary work - stick to basis. Libraries are nIce-to-have – thye have become noisy as children making a noise is not controlled. Aren't water (fluoridated fluoride a poison and been banned in US), rubbish and reticulation number 1@

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I object to paying for food scrap as I have my own worm farm - what do you do with outputs and why don't you give it back to users of the service worm urine as liquid fertiliser and earth manure. ?

Do not increase rates in fact reduce them - there is too much waste - and ban use of emply mobile phones during working hours

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

PLEASE downsize - where do you think we get rate payers get our money from - this is morally wrong to keep increasing costs and services that are not absolutely ESSENTIAL

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Do not support

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

PLEASE RESPECTFULLY USE OUR RATES MONEY. Keep solely to bare basics and cancel Agenda 2030 why have you brought into this outrageous WEF plan that wants humans hooked up to internet.

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PLEASE

Cancel Devonport Skate park this is outrageous initiative. Stop it immediately Do not increase rates. Only do what is necessary.

Reduce staff number and don't allow use of mobile phone during working hour - like school.... stop event stop grant etc stop all waste and get the fluoride out of water as is a known and scientifically proven poison. If fluoride works it must be applied topically and not swallowed.

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Please give us access to data 1/5th claim be appreciated.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The plan doesn't reflect a want to work within budget. It talks about doing things better and cheaper, but then spends the savings on something else instead of banking the savings.

Case in point being the CRL - surely there is benefit coming from this? It must show up somewhere if not directly, but in the plan overall. If there is no benefit then why was it done?

Therefore just to simply treat it like an additional cost and charge me more for it is lazy and wrong.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

My comment is general. You talk like the cost of these initiatives is all incremental to previous years, therefore a rates increase is required. Council continually runs projects. Some projects from previous years have completed, these ones have started. That does not mean a increase is aggregate cost.

Where are the initiatives to do things differently and reduce cost; and where are the benefits from previous years such initiatives? None of this activity appears to be self funding.

Examples:

Change to refuse from bags to bins. From memory this was not a recent change. Also why did we do it. I presume to reduce overall costs or abuse or such as fly tipping? Where do these savings show up?

Increase in hourly rates for building control - is this a net figure? Any pay rises where i work have to be met through efficiency gains. Where are the efficiency exercises?

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I think you are intentionally asking the question wrongly. The problem is not in the work being done. It is in the overall inefficiency of how it is done resulting in constant significant rates increases.

You have approved this work without the ability to pay for it. Have not done the hard bit of ruthless prioritisation or drive for efficiency, instead you have just increased revenue from a captive set of creditors. No other organisation can do that.

If you were true in the question you would be asking - we have three options:

1. Reduce rates through efficiency and reducing services - efficiency comes in 'here', here are all the non essential services we provide - which would you reduce.

2. Hold rates through efficiency and possibly reducing non essential services - which would you pick?

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You would then execute. What you are doing is executing regardless and asking is we liked it.

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Do not support

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

These are what I believe the council is there for. The rest are extra curricular distractions. Probably other than the library, but i believe these are now unnecessary in the digital age and e need to move on at some point.

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Stop doing stupid stuff outside of your remit. If your people want to do stuff outside of your remit then they should be working in the private sector using their own money and seeing how many customers actually want this.

Also please stop wasting so much money on advertising in general and in particular poorly targeted. I don't know whether this is you or central government but an example is roaming dogs. People whose dogs are roaming freely and mauling other people are not watching the 6 o'clock news on TVNZ - even if they were they are not taking any notice of the ad.

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Please specifically stick to basics; local infrastructure, waste management and enabling growth through minimal and efficient bureaucracy

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Support all

Tell us why

We live in the present, but must not repeat the mistakes of the past. When the Harbour Bridge was being planned and built in the 1950s, it was acknowledged that more than 4 lanes were needed, but because of pressure from rate payers of the day, it was limited to just 4. Big mistake as just 8 years later, the clip-ons were added at considerable cost. We live in the present, but must plan for the future and not repeat the mistakes of the past.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Go for it.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Support

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We must look after the land, because the land looks after us.

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Infrastructure because we all use it and need it.

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Support most

Tell us why

CRL costs a lot and benefits only a few area's of Auckland. I expect to see more building of apartment buildings in that serviced area otherwise it doesn't make total sense. A rates increase greater than the CPI is hard to swallow because it always seems to be local councils driving inflation - a greater issue with knock on effects.

As an attendee of the Metallica rock concert I noticed the evening train scheduling was not altered for departing a special event by AT highlighting that infrastructure is just one part the transport equation. I hope public transport is better organised going forward with the new CRL asset.

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Support most

Tell us why

Generally doing a good job I think but being in the red for the budget isn't a good look.

Would like to see Hurstmere Rd revitalise. Not sure bus stops belong in Lake Rd anymore, probably better in Huron or Como St.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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Less Maorification might save money assuming that's a cost.

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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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4	**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?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Less red tape - e.g. change of use consents are onerous

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#3008

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the proposed rates increase, particularly the portion related to the City Rail Link (CRL). While transport investment is important, it is not fair for all homeowners to bear the costs, especially those who may not use or directly benefit from the CRL.

Many households are already under financial pressure, and further increases in rates add to that burden. I believe the council should consider alternative funding approaches, such as a user-pays or beneficiary-pays model, rather than relying on general property rates.

I support investment in essential services, but urge a more equitable approach to funding CRL related costs.

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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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

I don’t know

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Other

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Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

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Do not support

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

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?

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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?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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#3011

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I cannot afford the proposed $1000 rates increases any longer. The Council should be disestablished and we go back to the more affordable borough system.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I preferred the old yellow bag system as it was much cheaper. We only need to put out the bags every 4 weeks. We are now charged weekly and the bin is rarely full.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates are too expensive already. we need fewer projects that cost less.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Nice to have but too expensive.

Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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#3041

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The minimum wage rate only increased 2% this year. Why you ask for 7.9% increase? And the increase is year after year. Why?? An when will be the end?

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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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Reduce the cost. Otherwise, this council rate is the biggest driver for the high inflation.

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

Reduce the cost, and increase the efficiency.

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#3076

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Despite the current fuel crisis, imposing further increases in rates is not acceptable for what you are proposing to spend it on. The cost of providing public transport is one of the biggest waste of ratepayers money. The light rail cost does not service the greater Auckland public, there is still no quick way for travellers/tourists to travel into the city from the airport. buses are well used at peak times but outside of those times, they are largely empty as they trundle

their way on roads which are poorly constructed and ferries are very expensive for the distance travelled. The North Shore is overlooked when it comes to Trains, ferries and the proposed second crossing. Spend on drainage is well justified.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No issues

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

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Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

These are the things that matter most to local residents. If people from other countries choose to live in NZ, then they should adapt to our culture. Foe some reason we are ********** bent at putting their needs above our own people- see the greeting from the Chair Ni hao, an-nyeong, namaste, tēnā koutou and greetings to you all English is the primary language of this country.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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We are a small Island nation so stick with what we can realistically afford without ditching aspirations. We see everyday the huge waste of effort with roadworks, road cones and the same stretch of road being dug up several times (e.g. Shakespear Road), the huge number of contractors standing around on their phones, Council sub-contractors parked up in parks for a couple of hours at a time resting and on their phones. Rate payer funds are being squandered through poor management and lack of accountability. The range of documents for the consultation period are impressive, but as with Government or their agencies, they are over whelming for most people.

Please don't let Wayne Brown leave his role as he is our only glimmer of help to bring some common sense and practicality.

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

Auckland continues to grow and development does not seem well planned. Where are the new designated industrial/business hubs, when are we going to see a halt to the destruction of what were once great suburbs to live but now have a growing cancer of tacky; Chinese built high density housing without garaging, little or no off street parking and a poor public transport system that does not support such developments.

Question 6: City centre

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

Other (please specify):I no longer go into central Auckland as I feel unsafe and a total strangers in my own city. It is full of Asian businesses, it's dirty and has completely lost its heart..

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#3079

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

We still have a city council happy with vast overheads eating most of our rates. The supercity promised synergy, efficiency and shrinking of headcount. Instead we are having higher cost at the council adminsitrative functions, delivering none of the efficiency gains.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

User pays for rubbish disposal only if there are competing offers

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

calling for drastic staff cuts and vetting of services delivered for efficiencies - contractors Ventia has a lot of slackers on the payroll

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Most services can be provided by volunteers and by fundraising in the community.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Take rates as what they are - another tax-like burden that those on fixed incomes cannot afford to increase beyond inflation.

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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?

Shrinking head count of Council and associated entities (AT,Watercare etc) by reducin non-frontline staff with an annual aim of 50% fewer managerial positions or consultants. Frontline staff often know better what better ways of doing business than their managers.

Question 6: City centre

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

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#3123

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Great to invest in city rail, but with a zero rated budget, first the essentials like water and roads, and then budget for the rest we innovate.

When is Lake Road going to be redone?

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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Please invest in a fix for Lake Road

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Support

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Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I believe tax on cars and peak traffic should fund public transportation investments, not increased council rates

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#3133

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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 is simply a continuation of Auckland's woeful lack of management and governance. The waste hasn't stopped and the Mayor and Council quite simply are ineffective in overseeing spending. The bureaucrats are out of control.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The increases are over the top. Why is there no focus on reducing waste, corruption and woke spending?

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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I don’t know

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

The above costs are not administered adequately and should be axed until effective control is obtained.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Slash the size of the woke, unmanaged, unproductive bureaucracy. Reduce spending on consultants. Take an axe to the headcount at AT - copy Brisbane..

Eliminate woke and DEI initiatives and spending.

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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?

Stop all spending and initiatives on Economic Development and Events. This spending is rife with stupid decisions and waste. The funding of Adele concerts, the Lions Rugby Tour, etc with free seats for media, council staff and friends are classic examples of waste.

Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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#3203

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

A 7.9% city rail link rates increase is huge. I live on the north shore and will never use this service. I am a young single working professional and pay rates on a single salary for stuff I won't use. This should be funded by people using the train networks and also the whole population of Auckland not just rate payers struggling to pay the forever increasing costs of home ownership.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not use the lm

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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I don’t know

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

I don’t know

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

I don’t know

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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We already pay a lot of rates as home owners, there should be discounts for single income households

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

Spending money in the right way

Question 6: City centre

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

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):Stop getting rid of parking, like downtown carpark. It's not always easy to public transport and at nighttime it is safer not to catch it and in weekends much quicker to drive

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#3210

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

As a Northshore resident verry little benefits us

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We pay a huge amount of rates and i don't believe we get much value for the rates we pay

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

not much is done for the average resident

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

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Support

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

5 New Zealand population is generally encouraged to do more exercise but the pools and leisure centers are very expensive to use

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?

Reducing cost of the council due to its size and the high salaries paid to some of the upper management.

reduce the amount of hi density developments they are leading to congestion and infrastructure cannot cope

Question 6: City centre

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#3218

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Organisation: Restoring Takarunga Hauraki

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I am particularly interested in transport options and joining up cycleways for low impact travel that improves health and wellbeing. I am also interested in the urban Ngahere project and see more planting as incredibly necessary. I would like to see more notable trees protected as well as these offset transport emissions. I like the priority given to the co-governance of the Tupuna Maunga Authority and funding amenities for everyone by the TMA. I want to see Queen street continue to be traffic free with awesome bike lanes and pedestrian access. this supports shops as people pop in as they are walking or cycling past rather than having to stop a car find parking then go to a shop.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Support increased residential parking fees.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Environmental spend is very low. Tree cover which offsets transport emissions is very low and needs to increase. Tree cover also increases flood resilience and improves climate adaptation. Reduce frequency of mowing local parks to improve resilience and reduce costs, plant more park areas to increase biodiversity and wellbeing. Consider mowing some areas annually. Improve cycleways and link them up to improve alternative transport networks. Redevelop skatepark for kids and promote pump track to improve kids cycling skills. Along with other boards promote a cycle lane on the bridge to reduce reliance on ferries for city bikers.

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Other

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

Increase funding for environmental restoration., planting pest management and waste minimisation. Increasing biodiversity is essential for community well-being, There is a lot of research about health benefits and metal resilience when we have planted areas nearby to residential areas. As well with climate warming a reality Auckland needs to become a sponge city and invite the wildlife in - much like Singapore. This has spinoff's for local tourism, for offsetting carbon emissions from transport and for resilience in high rainfall events and droughts. This creates a liveable city for our children's children.

Question 4: Other feedback

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I want to see Auckland meet its climate emissions targets by helping people travel by cycling or public transport. Cycleways in the north shore need to be connected up and have lane separation

from cars for maximum safety. This is cheap infrastructure that really helps people get back onto bikes and use them. I want to see queen street remain vehicle free. I want to see the Tupuna Maunga authority continue their work that brings these special spaces into everyones reach. I value the impact that they have reviving these Taonga for everyone. I am happy for my rates to support TMA.

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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?

Sewerage restructure to prevent overflows contaminating our waterways and ocean. Linking up cycle ways to enable ease of use. Promoting the urban Ngahere and other initiatives to ensure Auckland meets its climate and emissions reduction targets.

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):daylight the horotiu stream along queen street.

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#3267

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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I don’t know

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

too much spent on rail

rates increase should never be more than inflation rate or average people will struggle to pay

basics before anything else, e.g. water, schools and hospitals.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

stay simple on refuse, it has changed too many times all at a cost

make nonorganic centers more affordable so people will drop off rubbish in a controlled manner for council to sort out. This will reduce fly tipping and need of nonorganic collections which will save money.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Can you look at options such as reduced services or smaller buses, tuk tuks etc for late buses as I see empty buses with lights off driving around burning diesel polluting the air and costing a fortune.

Bus drivers can't even go in the T2 lanes as often there is only them on the bus.

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

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Do not support

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

reduced funding for council staff overseas trips

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?

stop permitting the building of multiple housing in areas that are not designed to accomodate them. Intensifying building is the ruin of living in Auckland. In the guise of building near transport links all that is achieved is clogging up of roads by multiple cars belonging to the new houses. I suspect there will be little if any increase in public transport usage by occupants of all the multiple future slums. Having multiple housing in already established living areas is torture for the people who had already purchased as it ruins their environments and health wise is detrimental having a building site in close proximity for 12-24 months.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The rate increase is too high.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Other

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

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

Infrastructure costs money which needs to come from somewhere!

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates keep increasing and we keep getting less local value. Reduced library hours, reduced event funding etc. It's hard to see what is in it for us. Especially if we do not catch trains regularly and just see our local investment being eroded instead.

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The CRL is most absurd project I've seen. Absolutely waste of tax payers money and many people may not ever need to use it! Could have put in cable cars just like ones they have in San Francisco from Britomart all the way up to the top of Queens Street. One on each side of the road, people can hop on and off through out the journey. This way, not only Auckland would have a new tourist attraction, and it would also bring foot traffic to all of the businesses along the way. Instead, Queens Street is like a dead zone right now, there's no attraction for tourists to leave Britomart and businesses are suffering! And the fact that the council has decided to put the rate up AGAIN in an

already challenging economy and in the middle of a war is absolutely mind blowing! I will not support the rate increase to financial the most ridiculous project that has taken twice the time the build. You think you're doing a good job but look around other parts of the world, look at how efficient works are being done! Shame on you!

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Please refer to my previous answer! It's absolutely ridiculous! Council are using tax payers so that they can all get paid over $100k in salary each! The CRL is the most useless thing I've ever seen! Costing billions to build a total of 3.5 km! Is that a joke? Look at how China does it! 3.5 km would have only taken them 3 months to complete! Wake up Auckland council! You are the most ridiculous joke!

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden,Upper Harbour

Albert-Eden Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

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

A. Restoration planning for Waititiko / Meola Creek, to leverage the improvements in water quality that will be achieved through the Central Interceptor.

Do not support

B. Investigating how to respond to future growth expected in our area.

Do not support

C. Trialling free off-peak access for Gold Card holders to swim at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.

Support

3. Kingsland Business Society Inc is proposing to expand the geographic boundary of its Business Improvement District programme to include areas around the north end of Morningside Drive, and to increase the amount of targeted rate funds to be collected from $245,000 to $370,000 per year. If it is successful, ratepayers of business properties located within the BID expansion area will be required to pay the associated BID targeted rate. Do you support this proposal?

Do not support

Tell us why

Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Stop trying to get money out of civilians! We are still busy trying to pay more for petrol to finance the war!

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?

A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.

Support

B. Reduce grants funding.

Support

C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.

Support

D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)

Support

E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)

Support

F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)

Support

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

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Just please stop wasting money on infrastructure that only small amount of people use whole killing all the businesses while carrying out stupid projects that takes 3 times the time to complete! Just STOP!

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As far as planning infrastructure to manage growth goes.....you're not doing a good job because you're very short sighted a can only see things 6 months ahead as opposed to 60 years! Your usual approach is, let's quick fix this now and circle back in 3 months. Like what is up with there're still only one lane in and one lane out for Huapai??! With all of those new housing developments have gone in, people are having to leave their house before 6am jus to get to their jobs in central before 8.30am! Are you kidding me?!

Question 6: City centre

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#3390

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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I don’t know

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I don’t know

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Support

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Do not support

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Tell us why

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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

Tough calls

Question 4: Other feedback

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clearing the Lake Road chaos

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Living on the Shore, unless the city rail finally includes us I can't see what the Shore rates need to be increased to above the average rates. Water and helping local boards yes but we're never included in decent public transport.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

A 7.9% rise would mean paying $4,679 by 2027 for a three bedroom, one full bathroom house in an area the council plans on REDUCING funds to nearly all community activities and other areas. How are we paying more than most of Auckland but be losing at the same time. Our footpaths are a mess, kids tripping on cracks, and now Maintenance: reduced maintenance of bollards

and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for

bush area (except high value/ecological areas),

reduced service level for amenity gardens and

planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation

areas to bush area! Events funding reduced, Library hours reduced, Operational funding grants: reduced funding support for local community, including senior and youth programs among others. Nothing being added to the area just taken away but paying much much more! Still nothing done about Lake Road after decades of money wasted on surveys leading to nothing but more and more housing signed off and built causing more congestion.

How about the council learn to stop wasteful spending and actually look after funds instead of expecting home owners to keep paying more for nothing every year. We are not all wealthy most far from it. Struggling as it is. Bring back the North Shore Council so we can be looked after properly again.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Our area is being reduced in everything and gaining nothing. Why would anyone think this was a win.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Charge us the higher rates to reduce us in everything. Absolutely terrible management if this is the case.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Nothing seems to be improving, over the years rates have continued to increase but I see more wastage than improvements

Council work is never coordinated eg rods being dugged up and re dugged up.

Councils workers appear to be just sitting around doing nothing

It's disappointing to see all the money I have paid going to waste

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Totally unfair. I don't live in those areaa and agin more money on ratepayers

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

I constantly have to pay more and more money and yet I don't see any improvements to the infrastructure. I see more and more wastage. It's frustrating

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Do not support

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

Because my mum has dementia, she like many others need help. More help and support

Our parks need to be kept clean and pest free

Question 4: Other feedback

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2	**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?

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

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#3477

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

We need better transport and water controls

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?

Makes sense. prioritising transport at the expense of parkers works for most people, as it means if you are really in a rush you can park, if not just use bus. couldn't care less about the other stuff.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Why on earth would we reduce funding for environmental restoration?? And reducing library hours is genuinely stupid, the devonport library in particular is somewhat of a landmark, and reducing service further to this location means it will be incredibly busy during the times people want to use it, making it less attractive. I think the reclassifiactions will do well to help with the rewilding of our area, for example instead of planting random flowers beside roads and such, seed native New Zealand plants that will be able to grow and reseed themselfs without continued support from council.

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?

Funding restoration of regional parks and environment, one of the most attractive things about New Zealand, and Tamaki Makauru is our natural environment. Restoring it, and reclaiming disused spaces with the intent of growing nature is a great initiative.

Question 6: City centre

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

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

the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):STOP USING SO MANY CONES, ITS SO UNNECESARY. LOOK AT NEW YORK THEY USE NOTHING PRETTY MUCH!

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#3479

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I support the Long term investment plan where they are focusing in water, transport and helping local boards. Although, the rates going up by 7.9% could make it hard for some people to pay them and inflation could increase. I do agree that something needs to help fund the cost of running the city rail link.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The Waitākere Rural sewerage scheme should be ended. I think this because of the lower costs for people to pump the sewage out, they can do it whenever they want (so if needed can be more regularly) and we could then earn more money for the people whose jobs it to pump the sewage and therefore boost the economy. I agree with the introduction to a refuse bin/bag exchange fee. It will give people a chance to change their bins out for a different size for a reasonable fee of $40.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

The Waitematā local board has some good options. For example spending money on our community facilities and space is really beneficial and will make Waitematā a better area. Although, I do not fully support the fact that the board might need to make some difficult decisions due to the rise in cost of delivering existing services. I think lots of people would be unhappy with some of the possible decisions the board could make. For example, reducing library hours would reduce the social settings and some of the amazing clubs and groups in the library would have to discontinue.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

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Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

I do agree with proposal number one as I think not having as much maintenance of fences and bollards is a big loss and would not be missed much. Although, I do not agree with proposal number 5 because reducing funding for people in need is irrational as many communities that a great amount of New Zealanders are in will be impacted and be harder for people to find help, a stable living and be active. I do not agree with proposal number 6 as reducing the funding will mean all of the wonderful places will have less of an ability to fill people with knowledge, show a play or go do something enjoyable. The reduced funding would decrease opportunities for many. Overall I don't agree with almost all of the proposals as it does mean less opportunities and recreation for lots of New Zealanders and could be negative results at times if reduced.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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I do think the 2.2 per cent decrease to overall waste management is nice and will make it cheaper and better for kiwis with a positive result from many.

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

I think flood resilience should be prioritised because of how we have had problems with it before as areas become extremely unsafe to swim in and waste water and flooding has become quite a problem. I think prioritising it first would be good and prepare for any more future problems and prevent flooding. I think the second most important priority is Local parks, community and recreation services because some of our community areas are in need of some care and places like the library could use some upgrading and make them an even better community area.

Question 6: City centre

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

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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Support most

Tell us why

N/A

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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Is there a staff reduction to save money? I can't see staff reduction on your proposal.

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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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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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

Support most

Tell us why

I am well aware of the challenges large city is facing and understand the increase in rates required.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I support rate increase in refuse bag/ bins.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I am not aware of what the board has put forward. I do know that we do not need more infill housing or home density. This put pressure on all part of a community!

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

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Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

I feel strongly about the environmental consequences if we don't look after our nature

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Do not encourage more homes to be built in already struggling communities! Infill housing(and they do not meet the beautification of suburbs)does not add any longterm benefits!

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Housing intensification- no more please! It put too much pressure of all of the above.

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#3634

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

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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Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3648

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

Support most

Tell us why

N/A

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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Support all

Tell us why

Good initiative

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

It's a great idea

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

Good initiative

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?

Generally everything

Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I believe CRL costs should be upon people who uses the CRL, thus it should be funded via transport fees for those who take CRL, NOT homeowners. I don't see direct relation for CRL costs and rates paid by homeowners. This means that people who rent do not have any responsibility for the CRL cost, no matter they actually take CRL or not. The increased amount is also very high, putting unexpected high pressure for all homeowners.

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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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I only see cost cutting actions with no other actions to benefit the area.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

I don’t know

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Other

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

Pest and waste shouldn't be reduced to keep the area clean. More support from government due to the hornet incident to keep it under control.

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?

More funding into education rather than recreations

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

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Support all

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

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Do not support

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

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N/A

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

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

Support most

Tell us why

City Rail Link operating costs should be paid by users, and ownership costs levied across those areas which receive the benefit - not the North Shore which does not receive any direct benefit.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Agree with proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Insufficient improvement to public transport for the North Shore.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Disagree with a rate increase that doesn't improve Takapuna services, i.e., poor state of Leisure centre and insufficent public transports links to greater Auckland region e.g. airport, manakau.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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I don’t know

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

I don’t know

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

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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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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

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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?

I wish the streetlights were a bit brighter.

I wish there were more public transportation facilities (buses).

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Support most

Tell us why

The road network needs to be expanded to accommodate the increase in vehicles, and funding must be secured for this.

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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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

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

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?

We must improve the lives of citizens through economic revitalization.

In particular, the operation of Highway 1, which is currently managed solely by the Harbour Bridge, must be improved as soon as possible.

It is absolutely necessary to construct a second road network connecting the North and South, along with railway tracks.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

financial burden

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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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Devonport-Takapuna

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Tell us why

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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?

1. Absolutely no fireworks on Guy Fox's Day. (I feel like I'm going to get cancer from the stress.)

2. Please shorten the bus schedule.

3. Install power transmission towers underground.

4. Please provide exercise facilities within the park. (For the health of the entire nation.)

5. Keep walkways clean and trim tree branches (for pedestrian safety).

6. Please manage the area to prevent noisy parties late into the night. (Disturbing sleep time.)

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

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Do not support most

Tell us why

economic reasons

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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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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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

Prohibit Guy Fox Day fireworks. They obstruct the view and pose a fire hazard.

Request installation of simple exercise equipment for adults in children's playgrounds.

Request that transmission towers be buried underground.

Increase streetlights on walkways and trim tree branches.

Question 6: City centre

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Support all

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

great.

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Tell us why

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

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?

The economic downturn has caused setbacks in all infrastructure construction.

Others

1. Streetlights are too dim, making evening walks dangerous.

2. Fallen tree leaves frequently clog drains.

3. There are no public exercise equipment facilities for adults.

Question 6: City centre

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

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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I don't know

Tell us why

I think the property tax increase rate is too high.

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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

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

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?

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

With the current afforability shock due to the Iran and Ukraine wars and the consequential massive increase in energy prices, we (the rates payers) simply cannot afford a 7.9 % increase in rates. Reset the increase to 5% then see what spending can be cut.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

With the massive increase in petrol costs the last thing we need is an increase in parkibg costs.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

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Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

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Support

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

Keep costs down.

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Resillience to flooding and other natural hazards.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates are currently excessive and should be reduced not increased

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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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Does not relate to traffic congestion

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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I don’t know

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

I don’t know

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

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

Only support reduction if all other centres have similar reductions

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Traffic congestion is amazing major problem of living in Auckland and you don't seem to be solving this problem

Why spend so much money on getting people to the cbd when very few go there?

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Question 6: City centre

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

Support most

Tell us why

Living on the North shore, Rail transport does not affect me and I'm not happy about paying into it

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Sewage schemes and waste collection are important to me but BID improvements do not affect me at all so I have no desire to pay towards it.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Unfortunately costs are rising across the board which is unfortunate but reality. But, as a pensioner, my income is not rising

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Environmental Quality of life is important to me, such as library hours, safety maintenance of bollards and fencing, etc

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Use common sense and don’t waste my money!

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

Flood resilience and local parks, etc

Question 6: City centre

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#3921

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

Support most

Tell us why

Please do not reduce spending on restoring and improving the natural environment. Put more initiatives in place to get people out of fossil-fueled vehicles, provide incentives for solar power and water collection. Every new build should have these two things.

Like many areas, we have a lot of infill housing being built. The majority of buildings are unpleasent looking structures with little thought for community and green spaces. Why can't we follow the lead of other cities around the world and put a bit of thought into the design and use of space?

Let's focus on what the Nordic countries are up to.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not support the 7.9% rate increase. This is a lot extra! How on earth will most people be able to pay this?

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I think our local board spends too much on contractors who maintain our open spaces. Charges are too high, and often, areas do not need to be mowed or sprayed so much. Fund local environmental groups to carry out some of this work. Better value for money due to lower rates and large volunteer numbers.

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Support

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Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Other

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

I don’t know

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

I don’t know

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Please do focus on restoring and protecting our natural environment.

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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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?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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#3927

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

N/A

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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

If you dont have the money then you have to reduce costs. The list seems sensible

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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

3 and 5 have strong longer term social benefits that we would lose hence the non support

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?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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#3940

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I support the Council priorities relating to transport and water.

I am concerned that the Council has placed increased burdens on Local Boards with what appears to be reduced funding for the essential community facilities they maintain, community services they provide and community groups they support.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Generally support but consider the bin/bag swap fee excessive and unnecessarily punitive. There are many reasons households may need to change their bin size. If downsizing this should be encouraged by no fee. I doubt would raise much revenue while being an administrative hassle for householders and Council staff.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Support mast of these projects. The Leisure centre and Takapuna Library projects need to be kept to modest projects which are affordable in the long term.

Disappointing that there is no funding allocated for the walking/cycling connection from Esmonde Rd to Francis Street which would complete the Devonport-Takapuna green route and connect the Devonport Peninsula to Akoranga Bus Station. There is continued intensification of housing on the peninsula and improved transport options to relieve congestion on Lake Rd are urgently needed. I hote also that there is no progress on redevelopment of the Bayswater ferry terminal - an essential link to the Auckland CBD as housing intensification increases.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Support

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Community organisations provide essential social support, cultural and recreational activities for youth, older people, disabled people and people from ethnic communities. These people are at risk of becomig isolated and experiencing poor mental health without the opportunity to access free, or afforddable community services. These services help to make our local area and the city as a whole liveable, inclusive and thriving through diversity. Funding should not be cut.

I do not support reduced funding for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake

House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The

Pumphouse and The Rose Centre. These facilities and entities contribute hugely to the fabric of local life and welcome people of all ages, abilities and ethnicities. These groups, largely supported by volunteers do amazing work on the limited budgets they have from fundraising and local board grants. As they also experience rising costs they may not be able to do the work they do in the community if local board fuding is reduced.

The local board needs to make it clear to the governing Council that reductions in community funding harms all residents and ratepayers of the city.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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It is pleasing to see the focus on transport, with the impetus of the CRL. I would like to see this extended to supporting the continuation of the regional Te Huia train service between Auckland and Hamilton, which clearly benefits both cities and the regional areas it serves.

Local boards must have their funding boosted so that they can support their communities without major cuts to community services and grants. Local board areas are where people live and play, and cuts to community amenities and activities will impact the young, disabled and elderly the most and make Auckland a less liveable, thriving city for all.

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?

Transport, enabling alternative modes of transport, managing waste water to reduce flooding and looking after the environment are all essential to contributing to reducing and adapting to the effects of climate change and making Auckland a sustainable and liveable city.

Question 6: City centre

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):Make the city more child, elderly and disability friendly by prioritising pedestrians and mobility device users on footpaths and in public places (removing e-scooters and other clutter).

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#3942

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I don't understand why people have to pay an extra amount of money for where they are already paying for. This shouldn't be happening if there is not logical or valid reason.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Yet again, even though I am still a kid, I don't think these rates should be increased when my parents are already paying the amount they are set to pay for their property.

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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Local parks because of how much people are not taking care of the enviroment

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#3957

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

Support all

Tell us why

That's why we pay rates

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Ratepayers should all pay the same rates for the same services not a rate based on the value of the property. Also council is too big and too much is being wasted on salaries, offices etc

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

The local community pays huge rates based on property values and gets little in return. The council should be broken back up into smaller regional ones and Panuku has to go!

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Support

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I don’t know

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

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Support

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Support

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H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

Council is rating all the older people off their properties. The pension doesn't support their current rates and the rebates are laughable!

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Council needs to reduced in size and cost. The assets removed from their control. eg sell all shares to reduce debt and rates. Council is unwieldy and mostly ineffectual

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

Basic council services, water, rubbish removal, parks and libraries and nothing else!

Question 6: City centre

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

Other (please specify):Auckland transport and the useless CRL have wrecked the city and town centres.

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#4017

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The City Rail Link, which is the major 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. only benefits a minor percentage of Aucklanders, physically, geographically and financially. North, east, west, and south residents are requested to fund this enterprise through substantial rate increases, but will not directly benefit.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The increase in rates for all residents is to fund 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. of which only a small % of the residents will benefit.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna,Waitematā

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

You are proposing fewer services and or increased fees. Your business model is dysfunctional and relies on residents paying more for your services in a depressed market where other costs encumber residents.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

A lack of forward planning, investment, and essential maintenance has been historically symptomatic in the Auckland Council. The debt and payment will fall largely on the next generation. The Auckland Council should ask itself why so many New Zealanders, particularly the young, are leaving the country. The current generation of 'boomers' will be close on their heels.

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I have seen how the Auckland Council makes decisions and spends large amounts of money on projects that fail, do not align with local communities, and run bogus consultation processes. For those who know, the Auckland Council has lost any modicum of trust and credibility.

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Do not support

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

Do not support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.

Do not support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Do not support

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

I think that's obvious Do not support

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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The Auckland Council has lost any credibility in its function to represent and manage Auckland for Aucklanders. The proposals in the Annual Plan 2026/2027, with its unrealistic financial demands and the loss of services for residents, prove that point.

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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Cost / benefit initiatives

Question 6: City centre

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

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#4087

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Poor economic development, increased rental costs, and more difficult living conditions.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4100

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Unemployment is rising, income is unstable, and taxes are going up.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4104

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

Support most

Tell us why

N/A

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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Important not to cut library hours

May be better to let green aread go bush, less funding for park volunteers and delay restoration until more funding

Youth services important so should keep funding

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

I don’t know

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

I don’t know

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

Reducing funding for youth tends to cause more social problems, better to let vegetation grow and have bollard less spick and span

The organisations such as lake house pumphouse theatre -worried may go under without support

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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You are clearly blaming new rail link for rates increase. You can only use that excuse once

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businesses there that interest me. I can access them easily and always feel safejust not much thereto travel in for

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#4183

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We live in a cross lease property where the driveway is shared so there are times when we need to part outside our address.

Why do we have to pay for this access?

There have never been people leaving their cars this far down the street to use the bus service on Lake Road in years gone by.

This is overkill which AT tends to resort to, to solve a problem that does not affect us.

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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Other

Tell us why

I am writing as a local ratepayer in response to the continued rates increases, which are consistently above inflation.

I fully support the investment required for Auckland's growth and infrastructure development, including major projects such as the City Rail Link. These are important for the long-term future of our city. However, the ongoing increases in rates, particularly at levels exceeding inflation, do not feel sustainable for households and businesses over time.

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Last week, resurfacing was carried out. However, it appears this was done over areas that had not been properly repaired beforehand, which raises concerns that further work—and additional cost, will soon be required.

These repeated interventions, with significant resources allocated each time, appear disproportionate to the scope of the work being completed. As a ratepayer, it is difficult to reconcile this level of expenditure with the ongoing need for above-inflation rate increases. It also raises the question of whether current budgeting practices, such as the use it or lose it approach, may be contributing to inefficient spending.

Again, I support investment in Auckland’s future. However, I believe there needs to be greater scrutiny and accountability around day-to-day maintenance costs and operational efficiency.

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates hikes is not acceptable

-Dairy Flat subdivision not treated fairly

- focus on yr core and legally required activities for example: Council enforcement of resource consent breaches at Redvale landfull is a joke right now - under resourced, toothless and very little expertise within council. The breaches have been going on for years. Council should be protecting its ratepayers, not being complicit with big business.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Overall rates hike is not acceptable, focus on essential activities, such as compliance.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

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

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5	**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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1	**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?

Regional parks are important for health and well being and something no one else can manage - this is an important council respibsibility

The money you spend on transport is 50% a waste of time due to ineptitude, corruption and poor planning. Roading should NOT cost what you pay, sort out your tendering process dont just increase your budget.

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Unnecessary if you controlled your excessive spending on nice to haves and extraneous events when times are hard for a majority of families, as a civic leader you are expected to exhibit leadership not just up everyone's rates to accommodated more spending, that sort of leadership is unconscionable and shows the contempt council has for its ratepayers.

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All of the above and any other rating change where council lessens the rate but increases or adds another rate category which in effect simply gives with one hand and takes with the other, a slight of hand trick which again costs ratepayers more money which then gets distributed to some fanciful project or council spend, for example speed bumps etc, council planners seem to create problem then we get charged to so called fix probates when in fact if common sense was applied in the first place the costs would not be incurred!

Example bicycle lanes reduce road width, the wide white centre strip (once a few inches wide -now metre+) would still accomodate two lanes of traffic in both directions if it had been left and cycles had been allowed the full and unfettered use of one side of the roads footpath area, the other side reserved for pedestrians- sensible separation no road incursion etc, and on the cycle side many streets still have berm which could also be converted to/for cycles as years go but, but no council creates the traffic congestion then bemoans the congestion as if it is the motorists fault, smacks of hypocrisy. Council has in effect created the problem!

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Very seldom here from them or the elected member and when you do they talk nonsense mostly.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Waste is already rated! Feel go programs should be cut, be open about it in tough times you need to be honest and no just keep rating everyone to give it away to others.

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Be practical as if the money you spend is coming out of your own pocket!

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Regional parks+ Transport + Planning each is important for example a new law is to be passed to allow children under 12 to ride on footpaths, great idea, I had to hop out of the way of a school boy who rode at speed directly at me the other day on a footpath ...it was his right! You have scooter

rides on footpaths etc, as I said before fine, give them on footpaths etc reserved for them the other for pedestrians clearly marked etc where possible but mandatory in new developments planners should understand this surely... if you let under 12s ride on the footpaths parents are then going to want to accompany their off spring, it is the natural desire!

Parks are simply essentials to have and well maintained for all.

Planning for growth, do you actual call box houses planning? The only thing being planned is a future get to, you only have to look abroad to see what such planning brings longer term! Very short sighted approach, 15 minute to hubs etc sounds nice but it is a Orwellian concept best by passed. Sensible use of land is a must with proper consideration to proper sensible planning to avoid the longer term degeneration of suburbs just look at Papakura, Ōtara Mangere and high rise low cost development planners should be ashamed as should councils that allow this rubbish.

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Other (please specify):Reinstall a continuous tram loop up Queen St, along K Rd both ways to Hospital then onto Kymber Pass Rd to Newmarket, ultimately out to Onehunga. The other way along KRd to Ponsonby Rd, down College Hill and around to Customs street loop. A tram could also do the Tamaki Drive to St Helier route. Has two purposes, moves people, slows traffic a major plus for planners! And gets buses off the. road to stop clogging up the roads with bus lanes they do not stay in and some of which are only partial lanes anyway! The irony is of course we had all this infrastructure back in the 50/60s until councils and governments ordained they be replaced with buses! Go figureS

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Support most

Tell us why

I feel that the bulk of contracts are NOT tied to a contract final price and penalty's stipulated.

We need to simplify, have more hands -on and budget everything like private business does.

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Once again- simplify. I was in the street one day and there were FIVE rubbish trucks in our street. We need more simplification.

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Contracts and contractors needed.

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I don’t know

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Support most

Tell us why

I'm on a fixed income and the rates increases are crippling

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think that people with fixed incomes are dealt an unfair deal ... with all the price rises currently it's fair to say Auckland is becoming to expensive to live in

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Do not support

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

Community and volunteer services are pivotal to a functioning society

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Community services

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

Support most

Tell us why

I support finishing the City Rail Link. Watercare's fresh and waste water projects are absolutely core Council business and I support them.

I absolutely oppose the so called fairer funding model for local boards. This is a blunt instrument that severely punishes a wide variety of communities including some of best off and the worst off.

The model is not fit for purpose and should be abandoned. No local board should be worse off in terms of its local funding because of a change of model.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Support the percentage increases to already existing targeted rates.

Support business ratepayers paying their share and not being given discounts.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Devonport-Takapuna LB is being asked to cut across the board due to the unfairer funding model being imposed. As a local board with a very little budget, it relies heavily on volunteer contributions and independent trusts to do what is really Council's job, i.e. pest control. Devonport-Takapuna is already cash-strapped and operating at a minimal level in terms of grants for community events, sports clubs, arts organisations etc.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Do not support

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G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

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Do not support

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

See comment previously. Board is already operating at the minimum level of expenditure. To cut further would be counter-productive.

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This is a rubbish question. The results will be meaningless. We are being asked to compare apples with oranges with monkeys with saucepans. Each is important in its own way and is part of Council's core business. You should know what ranking you give to each and how it changes over time.

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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?

Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden 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 key areas of additional investment and changes to services, fees and charges?

A. Restoration planning for Waititiko / Meola Creek, to leverage the improvements in water quality that will be achieved through the Central Interceptor.

B. Investigating how to respond to future growth expected in our area.

C. Trialling free off-peak access for Gold Card holders to swim at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.

3. Kingsland Business Society Inc is proposing to expand the geographic boundary of its Business Improvement District programme to include areas around the north end of Morningside Drive, and to increase the amount of targeted rate funds to be collected from $245,000 to $370,000 per year. If it is successful, ratepayers of business properties located within the BID expansion area will be required to pay the associated BID targeted rate. Do you support this proposal?

Support

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

The priorities are the right ones. Concerned that everyone has a 7.9% rates rise for CRL (shared) but then there's also talk of a $9 harbour crossing toll (not shared). Both benefit everyone, so how can we share costs better? Also, local board funding process is flawed and doesn't consider the fixed assets that have to be maintained, meaning less money for developing new things and all going into maintenance,

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Haven't seen any detailed info on the parking permit changes, difficult to comment.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

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Tell us why

Not a big enough budget allocation, therefore cannot improve the area, only maintain/cut services which is not good at all.

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Support

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Support

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I don’t know

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Do not support

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

There's nothing about increasing housing zoning here, but I think increasing the amount of housing that can be built would support the livability of the city. Also there's nothing about toll roads and I believe user-pays toll roads have good impacts in terms of cost efficiency and also shaping behaviour.

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

Devonport-Takapuna,Waitematā

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Reducing hours for libraries and reducing conservation support for parks is going to result in reduced employment for some of the best people in our community, and reduce the pleasantness of some of the only free spaces Aucklanders have left to enjoy.

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

8. Reducing funding for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation is a short-term gain for long-term pain. Everyone knows that pests, waste and weeds just get worse with neglect. However I do support their reduction in funding for community events and grants in 3, 4, 5 and 6. These could be privately funded by people who are passionate about them/know people who need these services, unlike the environment, which no one can hold direct responsibility for.

2. I strongly don't support reduced library hours it results in reduced employment and reduced access for the many people people who benefit from this space.

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

I think it's good that there is a fairer funding model in play.

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Do not support

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Support

D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.

Support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Do not support

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

I don't support a reduction in library hours because I think that it reduces employment and it reduces access to knowledge.Do not support

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To Auckland Council,

Re: Annual Plan 2026/2027 Feedback

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

I support the focus on water and transport infrastructure — these are foundational. The City Rail Link investment makes sense if it genuinely improves daily commutes and reduces car dependence.

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Four areas I'd like to see prioritised more strongly:

1. Housing supply — Infrastructure investment should actively enable more housing. Speed up consenting, ensure water and transport capacity supports growth areas, and don't let infrastructure bottlenecks choke off new builds. Auckland's housing shortage won't fix itself.

2. Environment & resilience — The plan mentions physical resilience (flood-prone roads, storm damage), but I'd like stronger commitments to climate adaptation and green infrastructure. What's the actual plan beyond reactive repairs?

3. Children's education facilities — Libraries and community facilities are mentioned, but what about investment in spaces that support kids' learning? After-school programmes, homework spaces, digital access?

4. City centre liveability — I support making the CBD somewhere families want to be, not just workers. Safe streets, green spaces, and affordable activities matter.

WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD

I do not support the proposed cuts to library hours. Reducing evening and late-afternoon hours at Central City Library, Grey Lynn, Parnell, and Little Leys directly impacts families with school-age children who use libraries after school and on weekends. Libraries are critical community infrastructure for kids' education — not a discretionary nice-to-have.

I also oppose reducing community grants. These small grants often fund exactly the kinds of grassroots programmes (youth, environmental, community connection) that keep neighbourhoods functioning.

On the $3 adult swim fee increase: I'd prefer to see this kept lower if possible, but I accept it's a more reasonable trade-off than cutting library hours.

If the choice is between service cuts and a local targeted rate to maintain services, I would support a modest targeted rate.

DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA LOCAL BOARD

I do not support the proposed cuts to environmental programmes (restoration, planting, pest management, volunteer support). These are exactly the programmes that build long-term resilience and protect what makes the North Shore worth living in.

I also oppose cutting library hours and reducing funding for local events. These are the connective tissue of community life.

If the board needs to find savings, I'd prefer to see reduced maintenance on lower-priority cosmetic items (bollards, fencing) before cutting programmes that directly serve children, the environment, and community connection.

Again, if the alternative is a modest local targeted rate to maintain services, I would support that.

I'm a ratepayer who wants Auckland to work well for the next generation, not just patch things up for now.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

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Protect all the forests, they were here before us and they have measurable health improvements for everyone who enjoys them and they mitigate some of the climate damage that we do. Put pressure on supermarkets and shops around their own waste management instead of burdening the individuals with recycling and so forth, support people and groups who make reducing waste easier.

Question 6: City centre

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by

attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Reduce homelessness.

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#4636

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Support the concept of more localisation via the local boards, but they need the budget to be able to achieve their goals. The current local board funding cuts contradict the devolution of decision making.

Transport could be a major lever for cost saving and liveability in the city - if the council would double down on active transport in the region. Bringing cars back to Queen Street is ridiculous when we're about to open the CRL. Complete the bike paths on Wellesley Street, Greenlane West requires

a safe cycle route, Eastern Busway projects should be completed as originally planned and consulted, work continued on the Te Whau pathway

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Well okay but it's just tinkering around the edges.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

There's not much there to support - mostly budget cuts so what can they do.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

It's all about reducing funding for things that make a community and services that people rely on.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Given the current fuel crisis there is an opportunity to make a supported shift to active transport and public transport use. We could even trial Liberating a Lane on the Auckland Harbour Bridge, as a weekend ciclovia.

We should not be capping rates - we need to invest in our city and region.

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?

Active and public transport - limit congestion and plan for growth.

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#4656

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I understand the need to live within a budget but worry about the costs of deferred maintenance in the future. Also, we live in an increasingly divided and hostile world; any measures that can mitigate this would surely be worth attempting.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

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Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

I don't support any of the options but understand that there is a budget shortfall. So, I have indicated support for the options that, if not funded, will require increased money to remedy in the future.

I don't want to see the library hours reduced; it's an important source of independent information and a hub for the community.

The Depot, Devonport Museum etc all fall within my first and second points; deferred maintenance is expensive and community hubs support community cohesion.

Waste minimisation, planting, pest control etc will result in reduced costs in the future so represent a good investment to me.

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?

I found ranking these particularly hard as all the points are important. Ultimately, I think Auckland Council should be maintaining existing assets before spending to attract events or allowing building in areas where the infrastructure is inadequate.

I support the bed tax which appears to cover both angles: growth and maintaining current assets.

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.

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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

Support most

Tell us why

The council should focus more funding towards walking, cycling, and public transport to ensure that people are able to live and access opportunities without having to own a car

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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?

I support the charges especially the increase to residential parking permit fees. The council should consider ways to reduce these costs as well, such as reducing rubbish collection to fortnightly.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I appreciate the challenges facing the local board but would be disappointed to see most of the cuts.

I find it interesting that the board hasn't even consulted on a targeted rate to help fund the shortfall. I think that should be an option that is considered.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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I don’t know

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

I don’t know

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

I don't know

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

I don't know

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

I don't know

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

I don't know

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H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

I don't know

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

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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Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Getting around, but the focus should not be on driving

except on a limited number of let corridors. The focus should be on moving people and creating a nicer more attractive area for people to spend time in, not too drive a car to/through.

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#4688

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

Support most

Tell us why

Transport. We reside on the North Shore. We have little contact with the City Centre these days. We do not need to use the CRL. We think too much has been spent and is continuing to be spent on the CRL. We are Old Age Pensions.

Roads. We have been affected by a series of road crashes on Lake Road, Hauraki. Major crashes, including Fatal ones. Not enough has been done to prevent these from happening. The latest non-

skid road resurfacing between 281 and 230 Lake Road, Hauraki, would appear to be a sop for the neighbours. Not an effective crash prevention project. We can only wait and see what happens.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We are in favour of sensible savings by the Devonport Takapuna Local Board. These include libraries having reduced hours but not so as to hinder 7-day services. The use of the Takapuna Library Public area for the combined Ak Council Service Desk and associated services seems ok. Rates seem to be in keeping with inflation to some extent, but common sense and the cut back on some Public events paid for by Council contributions, needs to be carefully controlled.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Generally, the Local Board operates fairly well. That said, care needs to be taken to ensure that Council buildings and similar assets are not simply sold instead of being repaired. Any proposals for works to be actioned, need to be closely monitored.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

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Support

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Other

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I don’t know

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H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

I don’t know

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

As mentioned beforehand. Much care needs to be exercised to ensure the best use of Ratepayers funds. All matters require a close review. A number of the items, such as the Devonport Museum, need to be charging for visitors / user pays applies.

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)

I think the Annual Plan has been reasonably well considered. However, I am against the obvious extravagance displayed by the Tupuna Maunga Authority. I cannot beleive tyhe funds being wasted for the so called - up grading of the tennis courts etc, on Mt Victoria, Devonport.

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

Planning and infrastructure. Stop the current in-fill & high density housing programmes

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

If bins are damaged, possibly while being emptied or other people they should be able to be replaced at no cost to the rate payer who is already paying rates.,

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Am concerned about the proposals for Thomas Park. I think it should remain a golf course with the option to flood it if there is a severe weather event. With the increased density in housing we need to retain the facilities and green spaces we have (and provide more) not reduce them as they are necessary for mental health as well as physical activity. It doesn't make sense to create ponds retaining water, and possible hard surface areas in an area. which could be an absorbing flood plane. An outlet should be created to help drain water from the area if and when it is flooded.

I am also concerned about the concentrated housing which seems to be going up everywhere. No greenery, no absorbtion of rain, no privacy for neighbours, reduced views and sunlight for neighbours who bought property in good faith and have been paying substantiol rates for the privilege,

There should somehow be an alternative route created from Devonport which would be completely cut off if there were a major accident. The alternative harbour crossing should also be sited else where (Meola Reef?) for the same reason.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

I don’t know

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

I don’t know

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

I don’t know

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

Public green space and its upkeep is vital for the increased population and its mental health as are the support services and cultural activities.

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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I am concerned about the way high density housing is appearing everywhere. Suburbs are being ruined as with the reduction of privacy and sunlight people will be moving out of their family homes

they bought in good faith possibly at a premium. These will then probably be replaced by 10 or more new units with no greenery and no parking and no rain absorbtion for the water table, If there is to be high density make it higher with mandatory green space,play area, around it and parking underneath

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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?

Need to have facilities before more growth. Need to preserve what has made Auckland great not reduce it to a second rate status. Popular places overseas have attractive waterfronts - grass, gardens walks not just rows of cafes and bars.

Question 6: City centre

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):Make the waterfront more attractive - a place visitors will enjoy walking along - greenery, flowers, trees.

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#4703

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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N/A

Tell us why

N/A

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

1. Organic waste collection. I support the concept of the organic waste collection, but the price and level of service to Aucklanders is far inferior to that currently being implemented by Rotorua District Council. See attachment.

2. Refuse charge. This is excessive and counter-intuitive to moving to zero waste. See attachment.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

We need to trim the extras. Social services should be catered for by the people using them, or by grants from funders like lotteries and the ASB trust. Parks volunteers I assume is for materials and equipment to maintain parks - which I think the Board should support.

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Wastewater - everytime there are a few showers the beaches in Auckland are unusable. In itself it is not the problem, but this clearly demonstrates that decades of sewerage neglect have caused inadequate containment of this hazardous waste. The Bishop-Brown plan will only create larger waste problems.

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Organic Waste Collection

The following table presents a comparison between Auckland Council and Rotorua District Council for organic waste collection.

Category	Auckland*	Rotorua**
Contractor	Ecogas	Ecogas
Bin size	23L carry bin + benchtop bin	80L wheelie bin
Bin liner	None, paper, compostable plastic	None
Garden waste	None accepted	Lawn clippings, small soft branches, twigs and branches up to 5cm diameter
Cost	$71.61	$24.71

*https://www.nzherald.co.nz/rotorua-daily-post/news/residents-rally-against-rotoruas-fortnightly-bin-change/RALVITCILVB3XDFQH3WWIWCVGY/ + the Consultation document
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It can be seen from the table that:

- The contractor for both TLAs is the same - Ecogas
- Rotorua provides 3.5 times more capacity for organic waste
- Rotorua accepts (most) garden and food waste – Auckland is only food waste
- Auckland charges 2.9 times more than Rotorua

Therefore, Auckland residents are penalised 10 times more (3.5*2.9) than Rotorua ones for a significantly inferior service.

Refuse Collection

A year ago, the Council gave me the message that they were going to charge me 650% more and that they wanted me to generate 850% more waste. This seems counter-intuitive to their aim of zero waste by 2040. I went from putting out my bin once every two months, when it was full, to finding extra waste to fill it up and putting it out weekly. The latest proposed charge does nothing to give the message that Council wants to reduce waste.

From my work in central government and internationally with developing countries, the Auckland Council approach is contrary to good practice and detrimental to the environment. Countries like Austria have been able to institute pay-as-you-throw since 1945, Japan since the 1970s, and South Korea, China, Vietnam and Thailand have also gone own this track So, why can't Auckland?

The North Shore and West Auckland had a bag system of paying by the amount you threw out since the 1990s, but the mutation from bag to bintag (an idea straight out of the 1970s) was cumbersome and did not promote waste reduction. The recent December meeting debacle means that there is no improvement in sight for the foreseeable future.

Of note is that Dresden, Germany, has had electronic identification and billing since 1994 - but Auckland can't do this in 2026.

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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I object to the 7.9% average rate increase

This is apparently justified to cover CRL costs.

It applies to all ratepayers, regardless of their proximity to CRL, and regardless of the likelihood they'll reap benefits from it – those in Rodney and the North Shore being the least likely to.

It could be suggested that, because of the anticipated benefits, all ratepayers should pay a contribution. It would seem quite unjust if we all had to pay the same amount, regardless of proximity.

It seems absolutely outrageous that some people in the North Shore (with a CV of $3M) would be forced to pay more than TWICE as much as someone near the CRL (with an average CV), even though they may gain a daily benefit from the CRL!*!

We are in the midst of a cost of living crisis. In the first instance, it seems totally unreasonable to impose a 7.9% increase; higher than inflation has ever been for more than 50 years!!

Suggestions:

1.Why can't you use a small portion of your Auckland Future Fund to reduce the increase?

2.Request Central Government to enable this CRL cost recovery to be UAGC-enabled, so that everyone pays the same amount.

3. Do not allocate $16M towards Maori outcomes – this is a Central Government responsibility.

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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?

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Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We don't want property taxes to rise.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

The increase in residential property tax is too high.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We do not want parking fees to increase.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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The primary goal is to ensure sustainable economic growth.

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#4806

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Organisation: Castor Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The overall focus on water, transport and enabling local boards to meet their communities' needs looks good on paper. However we note Castor Bay's aging stormwater pipes need to be replaced to mitigate regular flooding, yet Healthy Waters does not deem it a priority. A number of homes in Castor Bay require pumps to move sewerage to the wastewater network, which is a huge risk when it floods. We also note most North Shore and Castor Bay residents will not benefit from the CRL, which accounts for the average 7.9% rates increase. Also, we cannot support the focus on enabling local boards to support their communities when the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board faces a

reduction in its budget and therefore its focus will be on reducing services. This is unfair - our community will effectively be funding other local board areas.

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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?

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

We absolutely support the DTLB's priority project to restore the exterior of the heritage-listed WWII barracks house at Kennedy Park, 139 Beach Rd, Castor Bay. Our organisation has advocated for this project for approximately 10 years, watching the building's condition deteriorate while various DTLBs have procrastinated and misunderstood it's historic significance. Kennedy Park's precious WWII heritage has been neglected for too long, meaning assets like 139 Beach Rd, the tunnels, search light and gun emplacements and the Battery Observation post are not in great condition. All these assets need protecting for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

As mentioned earlier, we do not support the revised local board funding model which will ultimately mean the DTLB is put in the difficult position of cutting costs and reducing services - which seems at odds with the Council's priority of enabling local boards to meet their communities' needs. Our community will have fewer needs met as a result of this funding model change.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing

services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Do not support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Do not support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

One of Council's seven focus areas in the annual plan is the natural environment, including increased funding for pest management and eradication. This is completely at odds with DTLB's proposed reduction in funding for garden and bush maintenance, environment restoration, planting and pest management. Castor Bay and our environment benefits from these services - we have many pest plants and animals competing with our beautiful bush and parks and beach that need looking after.

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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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?

Our number one priority is water quality, including at our beautiful Castor Bay beach. Our stormwater pipes have been assessed to be in poor condition and contributing to frequent flooding, yet we are told by Healthy Waters they don't have the budget to resolve it for residents. When it rains, Castor Bay beach is usually black flagged by Safeswim, which shows how poor our wastewater network resilience is. Despite both these ongoing issues, we continue to see inappropriate development / intensification, putting further pressure on already struggling assets. This is just dumb.

Question 6: City centre

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

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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#4836

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

Support most

Tell us why

N/A

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

I don’t know

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Do not support

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

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?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Support most

Tell us why

Cycle infrastructure

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?

Puketāpapa

Puketāpapa Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Fruit trees plan

Cycle greenways plan

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?

Climate initiatives

- Kai resilience

- Cycle infrastructure

- Flood resilience

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

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#5103

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think it is unavoidable to raise prices when necessary.

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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3	**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?

I am concerned about Auckland's prolonged economic stagnation, so I believe that economic growth should be the top priority.

Question 6: City centre

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#5107

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Reason for opposition: I do not know what the local committee is doing.

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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?

1. The Kingsland and Onehunga BID program areas need adjustment, and more support is needed for transportation in the North region.

2. Opposition to charging residential parking fees in specific areas.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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

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As a retiree living solely on a pension, all proposed tax increases are a significant burden.

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

1. The water supply is old and I want it replaced.

2. It is difficult to drive at night because there are not many streetlights.

Question 6: City centre

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

Support most

Tell us why

I do not know about the urban rail network (CRL).

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I understand that appropriate content has been introduced.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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doesn't exist.

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(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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	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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3	**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?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Grey Power North Shore Association

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

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?

N/A

Tell us why

N/A

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**

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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)

We strongly propose and support the Museum as our most significant cultural institution taking a strong leadership role in the Council Museum Alliance and subsequent development and expansion.

It is proposed that the Museum adopt a pro-active role in developing its collection and story archives, and link strongly to the community to collect and record the stories of the post war years of Auckland's history, and establish a Heritage Advisory Group.

MOTAT: We strongly ask the Board and management to seriously engage in a core analysis and review of this fundamental direction and operation of MOTAT, and to engage with the heritage community in particular, in this process.

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It would be very valuable for MOTAT to re-establish this relationship and engagement with the technical heritage groups in particular.

See attachments for full submissions.

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.**

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Submission To MOTAT Draft Annual Plan 2026-2027

Grey Power has made comprehensive submissions to MOTAT (and Auckland Museum) for many years as well as Council on heritage issues, and we appreciate this further opportunity to present for the current year.

It is a difficult time for the whole museum/heritage sector with both the Government and Council cutting funding across the board, particularly for 'non-essentials' which includes the heritage sector. This not only impacts on the major institutions but also on the many smaller community museums and heritage groups invariably developed and maintained by the senior community who have the passion and knowledge to keep the stories of our community alive.

It is partly inter-generational as many of the younger museum studies professionals have an inward looking museological technical practice focus and not so strong on the story lines and artefact background knowledge that older people have.

A very recent Listener leading article highlighted this problem with Te Papa, particularly the National Art Gallery, who have minimal displays of other then very modern art pieces, and the vast majority of the collection never on display.

MOTAT has a particular set of issues, particularly with Council on performance, and now coming into the second year of a review process, and major debate on the primary direction of MOTAT on a Sci+Tech+Play dominating the traditional and Statutory focus on the technical heritage element.

The MOTAT Society, Council's Statutory partner with Council in the governance of MOTAT has associated difficulties with mis-interpretation of its role and relationship with the Board and management that need to be resolved as well.

Many Board members have been recently appointed, and will not be fully aware of the peculiarities of the MOTAT Act or the background of MOTAT's recent operations.

While there are problems to resolve there are incredible opportunities to reset MOTAT's direction by re-establishing close contact and affiliation with the Auckland heritage community to increase visitor attraction appeal and financial and volunteer support across the Board.

It is very important this year that the Board, Society, and heritage groups have a round table discussion as part of this DAP process to establish a clear path for MOTAT to re-establish as a major community and tourist destination.

I would ask that the Chair and the Strategy Committee have an initial discussion on this with myself and a colleague as part of the final DAP approval process to provide additional information.

I appreciate this is a lengthy submission but it is important the Board has an in depth understanding of the current situation and the background.

Rather than repeat the detail I have attached the 2025/26 DAP which sets out the issues and some positive proposals and I would ask the Board to familiarise themselves with these points and requests.

The situation hasn't materially changed since last year.

I will comment briefly on the current DAP as a lead into the larger one.

I wish to speak to the submission.

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Grey Power North Shore

Comment on 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan

The DAP document sets out the plan for a $63 million organisation with a Council contribution of $19 million levy plus and a visitor forecast of 286,000 reduced from 310,000 in the 2024/25 DAP.

Canterbury Museum in 2024/25 in the middle of major reconstruction received a Council levy contribution of $10.7 million and 194,000 visitors plus 702,000 in touring exhibitions in the Canterbury region.

A specific question is that a Council rent donation of $2,040,000 is included in the audited annual accounts but not shown in the DAP.

A major focus is on increasing events and non museum related revenue to increase visitor numbers and income rather than building up core museum visitor and tourist numbers. Current visitor levels include a large percentage event attendees including Pasifika and Christmas Lights, and of young children, with Adult visitors falling below target.

A full visitor type analysis along the lines of the monthly Board reports should be prepared for a clear picture.

A sensitive issue and te ao Maori is important in the current social environment but the use of te reo is over intensive in some areas and tends to detract from the core familiarisation intent. With Maori Ngati Kahungnu whakapapa and four years on the Iwi Board I believe "less is more"

Staffing levels should include a greater number of collection restoration technical employees in major sections like Rail, Road, and Aviation.

There appears to be an over focus on the connection with overseas museum organisations and events with associated overseas travel when the core requirement is connection with local museum and heritage organisations and activities.

Other specific issues are covered in the 2025/26 DAP comment below.

Submission To MOTAT Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026

Introduction

Grey Power North Shore is one of six Grey Power associations in the greater Auckland region making up Zone 2 of the Grey Power Federation. Grey Power North Shore is the largest with 2,000 members. As well as being Vice President of Grey Power North Shore I am Community Affairs Chair for the Zone., and a member of the Grey Power Federation Board

I have had a close personal association with MOTAT for many years since its inception, including being a founding Board member, two subsequent terms on the Board, two years as Aviation Curator and Assistant to the first Director and Chair of the MOTAT Society, as well as extensive experience in the heritage and museum sector in Auckland, nationally and overseas.

Grey Power has been making submissions to MOTAT for many years, and we thank you for this further opportunity to comment on the current Draft Annual Plan.

We recognise the major changes in leadership both at the Board and Museum management level and congratulate new Chair Amit Prasad, and Deputy Wayne Schache, and CEO Craig Hickman-Goodall, and express our appreciation of the contribution of retiring Chair Helen Atkins, for her involvement with MOTAT over many years.

We will all be very conscious of the concerns that Council have had over the levy costs of the museum sector, and MOTAT in particular, and the strong debate on the DAP 24/25 prior to the approval of last year's Council levy contribution.

Council consequently requested a review of MOTAT's direction and operation to the Council Arts, Sports, Social, and Community Working Group who reported back late last year with the requirement for an Alliance of Auckland Council Funded Cultural Organisations to be set up for a collaborative association and co-operation.

This outcome is very much in line with the "Museum of Auckland" concept outlined in our submission last year, and again this year, and being pursued with Council.

The primary concern, as last year, is the major shift in focus to the Sci-Tech "MOTAT Science+Tech+ Play" theme strongly reinforced in the current DAP, with a minimal regard for the long standing transport and technology heritage elements of the Museum.

It is considered that this directional focus is contrary to the primary Statutory purpose of the MOTAT Act,, the expectations of the general public, and indeed a large number of City Councillors, and is impacting on the popularity and attendance at MOTAT as a destination.

We strongly ask the Board and management to seriously engage in a core analysis and review of this fundamental direction and operation of MOTAT, and to engage with the heritage community in particular, in this process.

The heritage community and organisations established MOTAT, and until relatively recently played an important part in the operation, events and vitality of the Museum with MOTAT being regarded as the central hub for the sector.

It would be very valuable for MOTAT to re-establish this relationship and engagement with the technical heritage groups in particular.

With new governance and management leadership, and the Council Alliance development underway this would very appropriate and timely.

Overview

MOTAT has been very much part of the community life of the older generation of Aucklanders, a much a loved and valued institution from its inception in 1964 and subsequent development as a lively volunteer driven community focused heritage institution.

It was responsible for saving and restoring the historic artefacts that were part of their lives that are the underlying base of the priceless Museum collection today. as well as recording and presenting the history and story lines of those earlier times.

It was this lineage and support that led to the passing of the MOTAT Act 2000. This provided guaranteed Council funding to ensure it had a viable and vibrant future in its key role of "the recording and presentation of transport and technology and the effect it has had on the Auckland region, New Zealand, and in more general terms, the rest of the world."

It is interesting to note that 2024 was the Diamond Jubilee of the Museum, its 60th birthday which unfortunately had a very muted celebration without reaching out to the heritage community and former volunteers, a lost opportunity to connect.

As noted the primary concern is the shift away from the core community transport and technology heritage role intended for MOTAT reflected in the formal legislative objectives set out in the MOTAT Act namely:

12. Objectives

In carrying out its functions under section 13 the Board must recognise and provide for in such a manner as it considers appropriate, the following:

- **(a) The recording and presentation of the history of transport and technology, and the effect it has had on the Auckland region, New Zealand, and, in more general terms the rest of the world.**
- **(b) Conservation of the heritage of the Museum, the Museum heritage buildings, and its collections.**
- **(c) Bi-culturism and the spirit of partnership and goodwill envisaged by the Treaty of Waitangi.**
- **(d) Education which involves and entertains people to enrich their lives and promotes the wellbeing of society.**
- **(e) The advancement and promotion of historical and scientific scholarship and research.**
- **(f) Achievement of customer satisfaction by consultation, responsiveness and continuous improvement.**
- **(g) Leadership through professionalism, innovation, and co-ordination of effort with relevant organisations.**
- **(h) Greater financial self-sufficiency through prudent operation of compatible revenue producing and fund raising activities which supplement public funding.**
- **(i) Providing maximum community benefit from the resources available.**

The current Sci-Tech centred core focus of "To Matau Moemoe/OurVision is to use the past, present, and future technology of Aotearoa to educate and inspire the innovators of tomorrow" is something of a subset of these primary objectives.

It does not reflect the primary intent of the Act or the expectations of the Auckland community of what MOTAT is about. This element is of course part of the overall mix of MOTAT presentations but should not be the dominant part.

There is an urgent need for more adequate provision in MOTAT's planning for the traditional transport and technology museum element, is core role, and the major attraction for visitors.

As noted the Board is asked to critically review the situation and make appropriate strategic changes in policy direction, and adjustment to the DAP, that may be necessary to ensure this re-focus on the core objectives of the Act.

Of particular importance is the second Objective: "Conservation of the heritage of the Museum, the Museum heritage buildings, and its collections."

As part of this process carry out an in depth public survey to determine the community perception of what MOTAT should be focused on.

Also in the light of the 60th anniversary it is timely for a full public dialogue to review the direction and focus of MOTAT with the involvement of Council, the community, and in particular, the community and technical heritage organisations.

The Board is asked to arrange this with Council as part of the Museum Alliance project development.

Practical engagement with senior community

It is a critical issue for the senior community in particular, and for the Museum, as the generation with the knowledge and memories of the 20th century are dying off, and heritage artefacts are being lost.

In its core role of "recording and presenting" MOTAT needs to develop accelerated programmes with the senior community and heritage groups to record the stories and history of our city.

Also to develop a focused acquisitions policy on the collecting significant and appropriate objects and artefacts reflecting the social and technical history of the 19th and 20th century.

An expanded oral history project in conjunction with local community museums and a volunteer workforce is a real need for MOTAT, and a core part of the Alliance concept.

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A very good idea would be to establish a "Curatorial Advisory Group" of senior experts who could provide advice and comment for the Collections and Exhibition staff on the historical background and story lines of core artefacts.

This would supplement the technical expertise of the inevitably younger staff who would probably not have the same the same in depth practical knowledge or stories related to the collection.. The Aviation Hall is a prime example where there are very limited historical background or story lines supporting the aircraft on display.

"Museum of Auckland"

Curiously in the light of the renewed focus on national heritage education with a core component being local history, for diverse reasons, neither Auckland WM Museum or MOTAT have an appropriate adequate display or outline of the history of Auckland.

This is set out as their core objectives in their respective Acts i.e. there is an absence of a "Museum of Auckland' focusing on the heritage and social history of our city.

There is an urgent need for such a museum, a core part of every other city's museum, or similar to the Wellington Museum group of several heritage venues.

Both MOTAT and Auckland WM Museum have an important leadership role in this "Museum for Auckland" concept of a more active and complete presentation of Auckland's history and stories. Logically MOTAT once titled Museum of Transport, Technology, and Social History has a more significant involvement in this area than Auckland WM Museum with its broader collection range and focus.

Smaller community heritage museums would also be involved.

A key element of the proposal is for the establishment of Satellite Town Centre Exhibition Galleries in metro centres across Auckland that all Auckland heritage institutions could share with off main site exhibitions.

MOTAT is asked to collaborate with Auckland WM Museum, and Council in the Alliance dialogue, on developing this "Museums of Auckland" concept to ensure this important gap in the presentation of Auckland's heritage sector is covered.

"National" Aviation Museum Development

MOTAT has a new opportunity to re-establish significance in the heritage aviation sector, a major element of tourism.

An unfortunate policy decision was the downgrading of the original Sir Keith Park Aviation Museum built be the RNZAF and Fleet Air Arm veterans and supporters, and the TEAL/Air New Zealand similar group of ex employees with a strong cross connection, under the umbrella of one of the original founders of MOTAT, the Royal Aeronautical Society.

This was a major visitor attraction for both local and international visitors. MOTAT was recognised internationally for its Aviation collection, and featured widely in tourist advertising and city destination promotion.

The Bomber Command displays with the Lancaster and the TEAL Solent were very much the focus but a wide array of other elements as well.

The Air New Zealand focused displays were in essence a museum of Air New Zealand with an extensive range of their aircraft and displays of the airlines activities since its inception.
The Solent had a viewing ramp to see inside, inside access was available, and ex Air NZ volunteers were the guides.

A major redevelopment was undertaken in 2003 under the new management set up under the MOTAT Act 2000 when museum governance shifted from the MOTAT Society to the Board appointed by the Councils and the Society.

The current Aviation Hall was designed and commenced for a variety of reasons was never fully completed.

The original plan had provision for a detached functions area, but with the cut back in size, subsequent management changes and decisions lead to functions being a major element of the hall with space being set aside on the main floor for these.

Subsequent decisions lead to the original displays being removed, including the Fleet Air Arm museum completely, along with the Air New Zealand artefact displays, and a couple of aircraft were returned to the military, and other moved to storage.

A function area was developed with the aircraft featured as background. The museum focus shifted to individual aircraft with limited story lines, and the volunteer involvement became limited.

The reputation as an international aviation museum has diminished, and ironically the Classic Flyers in Mt Maunganui have picked up something of MOTAT's mantle.

There was an early linkage of MOTAT with other key aviation museums in New Zealand to develop a tourist trail but also never directly eventuated.

There is now a new opportunity to redevelop this concept working with Classic Flyers and the Warbirds at Ardmore and other groups.

It would need a change to a refocus on the heritage element of the museum, and redevelopment of the MOTAT Aviation Hall itself.

Heritage aviation is a major international tourist activity very evident in NZ with the Wanaka and Omaka air shows and others.

Aviation is a passionate industry, and Air New Zealand now has 11,000 employees.

The Board should look at this opportunity very seriously and once again engage with this sector which would also fit very closely with the Council and Government tourist development policies.

Also a sensible extension of the Museum of Auckland/Alliance concept.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this specifically with you.

Support For Auckland's Smaller Technical Heritage Organisations.

Plan Objective 5 – Engage With Like Minded Institutions

The Board is asked to set aside a $200,000 amount for direct support for other Auckland heritage groups fulfilling the objectives set out in the MOTAT Act as ancillary activities of the Museum.

This should be a core part of the Alliance Council plan.

MOTAT Act Objective (g) reads "Leadership through professionalism, innovation, and co-ordination of effort with relevant organisations".

The DAP reflects the "slippage" in focus outline in the Overview with the DAP referring to connections with major museums, and overseas institutions.

Professional contact with other museum and institutions is entirely appropriate but this contact and support needs to be expanded and redirected to include the smaller heritage organisations involved with transport and technology heritage.

MOTAT was originally established and operated to a significant extent on a co-operative basis by individual societies, the founders in 1964 being the Old Time Transport League (trams) of Matakohe, the Royal Aeronautical Society and the Auckland Historic Society, and strong linkages continued with the various organisations.

Equally as important, if not more so, is engagement with the Auckland heritage community, particularly the technical heritage community, for an exchange of views, co-operative opportunities and respective roles, particularly in regard to collection management and development. This was part of MOTAT in the past with relationships with the Glenbrook rail group, Warbirds, vintage car clubs and the Auckland regional small museums network group.

There is also a role for MOTAT to support the smaller heritage institutions in Auckland with direct assistance both technical and financial.

The Board is asked to set aside a $200,000 amount for direct support for other Auckland heritage groups This is similar to the arrangement with the long standing arrangement with Warbirds on the Ryan aircraft and with the Featherston Museum on the Rimutaka Incline brake car.

Many heritage organisations are now in a difficult financial situation with the severe cut back in Council grant funding for heritage activity and from funding organisations in general. Major heritage groups like the Toroa Preservation Society, and the W.C.Daldy Preservation group are in considerable difficulties.

MOTAT is in the unique privileged position of having major funding secured by the MOTAT Act, and now has major professional staffing. The Museum is requesting $19,840 million and it would be appropriate for the Museum to actively support the preservation and restoration of Auckland's transport and technology heritage in groups outside MOTAT with the $200,000 requested

Earlier support submissions have been made by the NZ Warbirds, the Toroa Preservation Society, and the W.C Daldy Preseravation Society for heritage restoration projects for this policy previously not accepted on the grounds it was not in the Museum's mandate in regard to ratepayers money, The new environment is different and the policy should be adopted.
Once again part of the Alliance/Museum of Auckland concept.

Unfortunately Fly DC3, the volunteer group maintaining an vintage DC3 tourist operation from Ardmore have recently gone into recess for the sake of $50,000 contribution to maintenance costs and the heritage aircraft sold to Australia. Ironically the Society had a very successful outing for members chartering the plane last year.

As noted in the Overview these major policy points are the core of this year's submission to the Board.

Specific Comment on Draft Annual Plan

The timing of the publication of the Plan in essence over the holiday season has made a detailed analysis and response by deadline difficult an issue that needs to be addressed for future plans.

Brief comments on:

Objective 1 – Maximise The Visitor Experience

The DAP forecast visitor numbers in the Indicative Budget continue to show low anticipated growth over the next three years.

Visitor numbers have been under 270,000 for many years, with 2023/24 total being 248,900 including "almost 60,000" being the Christmas Lights event. The 2025/26 target is 292,000, with no projections in the DAP beyond that.

There is major focus on events and includes Pasifika attendances with Christmas Lights being a major attraction, with attractions for young children.

MOTAT has no theatrette, the initial one being absorbed by the Library, and the Aviation Hall is promoted as an events venue which not an ideal situation. The Aviation Hall is a good display of aircraft but has very limited story background on heritage aviation, the iconic Solent so longer the interactive exhibit it used to be but the central feature of a digital presentation.

The key feature of museums is simple "physicality", the relationship with an actual heritage object, and the associated story background.

Great care must be taken not to lose this in the modern digital or online presentation or over elaborate display. Older people find it difficult and there is there is a need to develop and expand the physical displays

The DAP comment puts stress on the attraction of the Sci-Tech Centre. Science centres do not have the same public attraction as the traditional heritage transport museums.

Current anecdotal comment is that the MOTAT 1 site is not particularly attractive to visit with limited displays available and a focus on young children and disappointing for older people.

A critical re-assessment of the core market attractiveness for Auckland residents, and visitors both Kiwis and international needs to be carried out as the base of future planning.

Objective 2 – Empower The MOTAT Team

A sensitive area and two points to make

A greater recognition of the core role of the MOTAT Society who are theStatutory "partners" with Auckland Council under the Act, and greater support for the activities and interaction with the museum and heritage community members, and previous volunteers.

It was a disappointment that the 60th Anniverary function was "in house" and did not involve a reunion function for all the old MOTAT volunteers who built the Museum.

Also to develop a closer and more integrated connection with the community heritage groups like the vintage car clubs, etc which used to be a core dynamic in MOTAT activity.
This could come about as part of the Council Alliance / Museum of Auckland.

Objective 3 - Improve Quality Of The Collection, Its Care and Accessibility.

The second Statutory Objectives in the MOTAT Act is the "Conservation of the heritage of the Museum, the Museum's heritage buildings and its collections."

Last year's Plan comments that "in order to better align the MOTAT collection to our Vision our focus this year will be on science and tech items which showcase innovation in Aotearoa New Zealand. We will aim to augment contemporary collecting with historical pieces, while also reviewing our existing collection against the recently updated Collection Management Policy."

MOTAT has had an ongoing "aggressive" de-accessioning approach which has led to the loss of some significant artefacts which has caused heritage community concern, and appears to have a minimal acquisition budget and policy of collection development and enhancement.

It has not been pro-active in acquiring significant transport and technology heritage items, and appears to rely on ad-hoc acquisitions through donations.

De-accessioning of non relevant collection items is a normal museum practice, but this must take place with great care and sensitivity. It is noted that the Museum review of the collection in line with the statutory and strategic objectives is ongoing.

In the light of the potential refocus on a "Museum of Auckland" development, minimal de-accessioning expect for clearly unsuitable items, should take place.

The care and development of the collection, including de-accessioning approval, is a core Board responsibility under standard museum professional protocols, and the Board must take a close interest in this aspect of museum governance and management.

Also there is a real need to focus as noted earlier on the lack of a "history of Auckland" presentation at either Auckland Museum or MOTAT, and a proactive assessment of relative quality artefacts in collections should be made. Active acquisition of key items can be currently obtained through local auction houses at a very low prices.

The 2024 Financial Statements Expenditure Report advised that Acquisition costs were:

Revenue -	**Donated collection assets**	**2024**	**Nil**	**2023**	**$221,000**
Expenses -	**Acquisitions**	**2024**	**Nil**	**2023**	**$2,583**

This is a very odd situation and the Board must provide the Director Collection with a significant Acquisitions allowance say $250,000 + and flexible.

Objective 4 – Improve Our Sustainablity

Note that the blister hangar is on the upgrade list – this is a heritage building in its own right as well as a MOTAT heritage item.

Objective 5 Engage With Like Minded Institutions

Once again it is important to refer to the heritage core focus of MOTAT under the Act.

The original intent was to relate and engage with the technical heritage focused community groups involved with the preservation of our technical and transport heritage as reflected in the founding groups of MOTAT. This is an element of Support for Smaller Technical Heritages groups.

I note that IATM (International Association of Transport and Communications Museum is not on your list.

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It is an area that the Board needs to reflect on.

Timing of the Draft Annual Plan

The timing of the MOTAT DAP traditionally finalised and published in December just before the Christmas holiday break with submission closing this year on January 23rd is extremely inconvenient for the submission process.

It would be appreciated if MOTAT could bring their DAP preparation process forward a month.

Memorial Elements of MOTAT

One of the key heritage of MOTAT is the war memorial element, a driving force in the foundation and development of the Museum, particularly the Aviation Museum. This element is very important to the senior community in particular, and the heritage of the museum.

There are four components, the Bomber Command, the NZ Fleet Air Arm Museum, the Sir Keith Park association, and the 1945 Rabaul RNZAF incident.

These are core parts of the MOTAT psyche and must be recognised as such by the Museum, and protected and appropriately presented by the Museum.

Unfortunately the NZ Fleet Air Arm Museum has been removed.

The "Conservation of the heritage of the Museum' is the second Statutory Objective

The Board is asked once again to acknowledge the importance of this memorial aspect of MOTAT's heritage, and re-instate an appropriate display in the 2024/25 programme.

Please take this request seriously. It needs to be addressed.

Senior Volunteers

We appreciate the opportunity MOTAT provides for senior volunteers, a core traditional component of MOTAT providing experienced technical skills and heritage story lines at a considerable financial advantage to MOTAT as well as providing an important social opportunity for the people involved.

A programme to increase the numbers and opportunities for seniors would be appreciated. This would add a major beneficial dynamic to MOTAT both financially and socially..

Also note earlier comment on oral history expansion and curatorial advice.

Super Gold Card Concession

We greatly appreciate the SuperGold Card free access to the Museum and would appreciate this concession continuing.

Support For Establishment of a Wine Museum in Henderson

MOTAT is once again asked to take a lead in the proposal by the late Assid Corban and Waitakere Grey Power to develop a wine museum with artefacts and archives from Mr Corban's estate in Henderson. Also to provide interim assistance with the care and storage of current artefacts. This will be a major tourist attraction for the city.

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Addendum:

"National" Aviation Museum Development

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The Bomber Command Group raised the funds for the first aviation hall to house the Lancaster along with support from the Fleet Air Arm group.

A large group of ex TEAL staff who had flown and worked with the Solents undertook the volunteer restoration of the TEAL Solent supported by an Air NZ donation for part of the original aviation. The Royal Aeronautical Society donated the Pioneers of Aviation building for the display of early NZ aviation artefacts including the Pearse artefacts and early aero engines along with a theatrette and initial library.

MOTAT featured internationally with the story of Richard Pearse and the story of his potential flight before the Wright Brothers in 1903 and consequent debate. MOTAT (the Society) developed a "flying " replica project of Pearse's aircraft which was featured at the Centenary of Flight celebrations Timaru and was taken by Air NZ to the Royal Aeronautical Society celebrations in London, and was exhibited in a number of other UK museums. I personally (at my own expense) attended the IATM Centenary of Flight Conference at the US Air Forece Museum in Dayton Ohio

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The aviation museum was a somewhat chaotic collection featuring the Bomber Command with the Lancaster and extensive artefact and story line displays, the Fleet Air Arm Museum with a replica Swordfish aircraft and a Navy Westland helicopter, all developed, aircraft restored, and presented by the volunteers under the volunteer Sections that operated MOTAT at that time under the management of the MOTAT Society. In 1996 the Aviation Section was taken over by Norm McKelvey, a retired senior Air NZ engineer which lead to major restoration of all the other aircraft that MOTAT had which filled out the display hall completely.

A key feature was the Solent which had a viewing platform and access to the interior and an extensive display along with other NZNAC Air NZ heritage aircraft that was in essence an Air New Zealand Museum. In 2002, Air NZ donated their Boeing 747 flight simulator in its static operating state including oleo legs which was intended to be the "book end" of the Air NZ aircraft collection with MOTAT having an almost complete collection of Air NZ aircraft, from an early de Havilland Fox Moth with the 747 simulator representing the jet age.

Unfortunately the oleo legs, access structure, and other associated artefacts were disposed off and only the cabin remains in storage.

The aviation museum was a major tourist attraction, and Air NZ held part of their 60th Anniversary in the Aviation Hall.

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It should be re-built and reactivated in conjunction with the other heritage aviation organisations as the cornerstone of a National Heritage Aviation collective which would be a major asset for the museum sector and the tourism industry.

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Support most

Tell us why

Prioritize as much, don't support all

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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

I feel that we on the North Shore are neglected by council

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Council supports developers not locals

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Do not support

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Support

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

Support

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Support

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

Do not support

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Do not support

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

Support

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

Need to sort out the traffic on lake road before anything else. Devonport has become unlivable.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5311

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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I don’t know

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Support

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Do not support

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Do not cut library hours

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Times are tough! Financial help is needed in all areas, not cost cutting

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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#5325

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Tell us why

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Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Focus on basics

Open Sacred grove

If you want to cut costs, drop the comms people

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

We pay for too much now. Reduce staff.

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#5345

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Support most

Tell us why

I think your priorities are good I just dont trust money will be used effectively

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I agree with these proposed changes but please dont make parking more expensive

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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Support all

Tell us why

I think a lot of aspects are covered effectively

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

Transport- no tax on Harbour bridgeplease (that targets a certain group of Aucklanders) Transport is the trait of a moden city and we dont compare to other moden cities at the moment.

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Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Cost of living is far too high for this to be currently considered.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

You cannot just apply austerity measures by putting fees on a bunch of stuff

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

it is good to continue focussing on core services. Infrastructure can and should still be improved in austerity. Perhaps less focus on environmental initiatives.

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.

F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Work on making public transport cheaper. Perhaps buses can be free in the future. New Zealand is socially dying. It is becoming more boring and isolated. Therefore, focussing on more public events and space can help increase aggregrate demand and the GDP. Also it takes 2 buses and 1 hour for me to travel from Milford to Albany, but only 1 bus and 40 mins to travel to the CBD.

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Support most

Tell us why

Strengthening Auckland's finance & physical resilience is great, but I personally think that public transport in Auckland needs to be completely reinvented, a system designed to be convenient & instead impractical & inefficient. However, the overall initiative is still worthy of merit.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think that the bin system is fine as it is, I don't believe only change would be revolutionary/particularly useful.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

They do a pretty good job

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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?

As a child born & raised in Auckland, I have seen firsthand how Auckland's city has changed, businesses have become liquidated, streets & facilities have gone from bustling and popular to deserted. The number of homeless and (somewhat) dangerous people in the city has also increased, making many vary of venturing into the city centre at all. Therefore, I think the council needs to prioritise restoring the city to now it once was, particularly making it safer.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Better Outcomes for Dogs in Pounds

- Improve transparency by publishing monthly pound statistics (impounds, reunited with guardians, adoptions, transfers, euthanasia)
- Increase efforts to reunite dogs with guardians, including longer holding periods and stronger contact attempts
- Build formal partnerships with rescues and community groups
- Remove temperament testing - use foster-based assessments instead
- Provide support options (e.g. payment plans) to help families reclaim their dogs

Ban Public Fireworks Displays

- Fireworks cause significant distress and harm to companion animals, wildlife, and farmed animals
- They also impact birds, marine life, and urban wildlife
- Councils should ban public displays of fireworks and invest in animal and environmentally friendly alternatives like light shows

Humane Cat Management (No War on Cats)

- Support compassionate, science-based approaches:

o Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

o Desexing and microchipping programmes

- Community education
- Avoid lethal control programmes targeting cats

Sustainable and Ethical Wildlife Management

- Prioritise humane and ethical methods
- Ban poisons and traps
- Invest in non-lethal and innovative approaches
- Ensure biodiversity policies consider animal welfare
- Develop long-term management plans (not repeated reactive killing)

Protect Wildlife and Biodiversity

- Protect habitats for animals and birds
- Reduce pollution and habitat destruction
- Ensure developments and events minimise harm to animals
- Remove practices like recreational duck shooting from supported activities

Recognise Animals in Council Decision-Making

- Include animal welfare across:
  - Parks and recreation
  - Events
  - Urban planning
  - Environmental management

Civil Defence

- Ensure emergency planning includes animals
- Recognise the importance of keeping families and their animals together during disasters

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

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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

Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Do not support

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.

I don’t know

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

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

Do not support

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Tell us why

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N/A

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The basics are the key to everything.

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Support most

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

no need to do too much. waste money

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Devonport-Takapuna

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economics and transport/city planning

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The government can improve other projects, but it shouldn't burden citizens who pay property taxes. In recent years, prices have been rising, and even if the city government doesn't increase property taxes, citizens still have to pay for water and electricity, leaving little money for food. Has the city government considered the living conditions of its citizens? The government must strictly and rationally control its existing funding sources and manage their flow, reducing its own expenditures, instead of adding economic burdens to citizens with every new project.

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Devonport-Takapuna

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Do not support any

Tell us why

We are a dual-income family with two children. We've been in New Zealand for three years and planned to buy a house and settle down next year, 2027, but our current economic situation and government policies simply don't allow it. Increasing property taxes to solve the funding crisis for the Metro Circle Line project is ridiculous. The Auckland City Council should seriously assess metro usage rates and per capita car ownership rates. A congestion tax would be far more justifiable. Where does all the extra money from the property tax increase go?

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Too much

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No, I firmly oppose raising land taxes.

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

The CRL provides no benefits or convenience to Auckland residents. No one uses it. It is expensive to operate and maintain, so we should not continue investing in it. It will never run at a surplus. We should not be paying for it.

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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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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#5834

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Tell us why

The council should be cutting spending instead of increasing rates

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

unacceptable from Auckland Transport.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Support all

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

New Zealand's job market is struggling, and taxes have been raised too much.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The excessive increase in land taxes is lowering residents' living standards, and the prolonged infrastructure construction is a waste of resources and manpower.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The 7.9% increase in local taxes is too high and puts a lot of pressure on businesses.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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?

1. The environment and public utilities, especially water management and safety, are related to everyone's life and safety.

2. Convenient transportation and safe travel.

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Support most

Tell us why

The increase in local taxes is a bit high, and residents' incomes are not high, so the burden is heavy.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I disagree with raising the parking fee for residents.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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1. Travel should be convenient and safe; safety on public transportation should be enhanced.

2. Water management is extremely important, as it concerns the lives and health of every resident.

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Support most

Tell us why

The need for infrastructure investment is acknowledged, but local tax increases must be controlled.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

We hope the fee adjustments will be transparent and used to improve community services.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Upper Harbour

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To reduce the burden on residents

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

Support most

Tell us why

Prioritizing investment in transport and water infrastructure is crucial for Auckland's continued development, but I am not entirely satisfied with the financing methods for these projects. Furthermore, the practice of significantly increasing resident taxes in a sluggish economic environment warrants further discussion.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

To ensure transparency in fee adjustments and that the funds are used to improve community services

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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

Upper Harbour

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Upper Harbour

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Tell us why

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

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Increasing taxes might seem like a way for the government to gain revenue. However, this approach would likely reduce household consumption.

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Kaipātiki

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The goal is to minimize the burden on residents while pursuing development.

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Tell us why

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Upper Harbour

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The best solution is to stimulate consumption to increase tax revenue.

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

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By increasing taxes on residents, the government may be able to obtain direct revenue.

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Upper Harbour

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Tell us why

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We hope the fee adjustments will be transparent and used to improve community services.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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

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

Support most

Tell us why

Prioritizing investment in transport and water infrastructure is crucial for Auckland's continued development. I am not entirely satisfied with the financing options available to cover these projects. Furthermore, the proposed significant increase in taxes for residents during a downturn warrants further discussion.

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

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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