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Tell us why

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Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) would cap the average rate rise at around 3 percent. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services saving $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors saving $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.I also call for immediate cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme noted at $36 million per year and argued to emit more carbon than it saves. Additional targeted measures include freezing staffing and not filling vacant non-essential roles which alone could save at least $17 million.I oppose continuing significant Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a required local government function. Resources should be prioritised towards statutory services and core council responsibilities.I acknowledge the broader context of Council and CCO payrolls consultant spend and overheads and urge a transparent accountable performance framework that demonstrates savings are realised and reinvested in essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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The proposed increase roughly $320 for the average household presents a real-terms rise well above inflation and population growth since 2010 and is not matched by corresponding service improvements.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance positions to:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9 percent.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continued growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce

payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori Outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Key context from the Alliance briefing supports these positions: the proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs while overall rates have risen 85% since 2010far outpacing inflation. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown well beyond CPI and consultant spending remains high at hundreds of millions across the Council group.I propose the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rates increase to 3%) achieved by:- $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze.- $50 million savings from capping consultants.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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My position is to oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending before any further rate rises are approved.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase should not be accepted while there is evidence of excessive and duplicative expenditure across the Council and CCOs. I support reducing corporate and backroom office functions and the overall spend on consultancy and professional services.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. At $36 million per year it costs a substantial amount and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- A staffing freeze or reduction of payroll costs by

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salaries (464 above $200000) and 72 staff paid more than the mayor. Personnel costs and related expenses have risen faster than inflation while core service delivery must be protected.3) Spending priorities and non-essential programs: Direct operating expenditure and 'other expenses' have outpaced inflation and there is a pattern of discretionary grants and non-core spend that may not align with statutory responsibilities.Agreed positions and alternative budget- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9%.- Reduce spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government role.Ratepayer-led alternative budgetIf new Council spending is reduced by $150 million (2 percent) the average rates increase could be capped at 3 percent through targeted reductions as outlined above prioritising statutory and essential services.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a disciplined budget that prioritises core services reduces wasteful spending and aligns rate increases with inflation and Council duties.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. This calls for a rebalancing toward affordability and efficiency.Position: expenditure reductions to fund lower rates- Agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Agree to curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing upward trends.- Agree to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on available assessments emits more carbon than it saves.- Agree to freeze staffing or cut payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Agree to cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes entity (Ngā Mātārae) given the view that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.Proposed path to a more affordable rate outcome- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget recommends reducing new Council spending by $150 million (approximately 2%) delivering an average rate increase around 3% by: (i) cutting personnel costs and freezing non-essential hires; (ii) capping consultant spending; (iii) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; (iv) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I ask Auckland Council to consider these savings as a priority before imposing higher rates on households. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7319

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Local Board: Rodney

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current plan would see the average residential bill rise by about $320 with the overall rate increase far outstripping inflation and population growth since the Super City reforms.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. It breaks the pattern of restraint and fails to reflect the need to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spend.- Expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs must be cut. The current costs drive up rates without delivering proportional public benefit.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be reduced not increased. Estimates show $126 million per year across

the Council group including about $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many consultants earning around $200k. This is unsustainable and not aligned with ratepayer interests.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. I understand this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a core function of local government and should be redirected to essential services.Alternative budget and offsets- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of average residential rates increases at about 3 percent. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional points- Public confidence has waned; the line that 'CRL costs' are unavoidable obscures accountability. Run like a prudent business: control waste prioritise core services and deliver value for ratepayers.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7321

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my views in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and in favour of reducing wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive relative to inflation and revenue needs. The average residential rates bill would rise by about $320 for the typical household on top of a Council budget with already high staff and consultancy costs.- Since the 2010 Super City merger rates have risen by 85% far outstripping both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A more restrained prioritised budget is overdue.Agreed positions supporting rate relief- Oppose the 7.9% average increase and seek a cap

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

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items. Annual consultant costs total about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non‘essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continued spending on discretionary items that do not deliver essential services. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non‘core programmes.- The Council should cancel non‘essential programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- I support reducing Māori‘specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe local government should focus on core statutory duties and essential services.Alternative funding approach- A targeted reduction in new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million for prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsOther points- Stop wasting money on a fancy boardwalk in the Waitaks; gravel will do.I would appreciate the opportunity to present at hearings to discuss these proposals. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7351

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Tell us why

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reforms aligned with a 3% capI support reducing Council and CCO expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and cutting consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these areas. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a plan to reduce new spending by $150 million to cap rates at about 3%:- Freeze or reduce personnel costs by not hiring for non-essential roles and pursuing organisational change that limits payroll growth (target: at least $17 million immediate savings).- Cap consulting spend and renegotiate vendor contracts to save about $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.3) Additional measures and priorities- Consider cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Redirect funds toward essential services such as essential road maintenance rather than expanding IT consultancy or backroom functions.I note the Council's current spend on consultants and six-figure salaries appears out of step with affordable rate increases. A disciplined transparency-driven approach to payroll and external contracting should be the basis for any future budget decisions.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Key points- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The proposed increase appears to reflect ongoing operating costs and new assets rather than value for ratepayers at a time when inflation and living costs remain elevated.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the growth of consultancy and professional services rather than continue to escalate these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and on the Alliance's assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant

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The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent in 2022 dollars far exceeding general inflation. I urge the Council to prioritise affordability for ratepayers and to control costs rather than seek further rate rises.Key concerns and proposed actions1) Aggressive cost cutting is essential. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. This includes:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and

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expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. There is clear potential to improve efficiency by cutting payroll costs consolidating functions and renegotiating contracts. In particular I support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to grow further.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. This is a discretionary programme that should be assessed against its true environmental and cost benefits.I urge freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This straightforward measure could save at least $17 million right away without compromising essential services.I oppose continuing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department at about $10 million per year. I believe local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and sector-specific spend.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at about 3% funding through targeted internal efficiency measures including:- Reducing personnel costs via hiring freezes and organisational change: $50 million- Capping consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge you to pursue substantial cost reductions before raising bills on households.- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. An average household would pay about $320 more per year when real household costs have already risen sharply. I request that the council cap rate increases far closer to inflation and local affordability targets.- There must be urgent reductions in non-service spending. The council should cut back on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Reducing these overheads will improve value for ratepayers without

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7403

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose Auckland Council's proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for reducing wasteful council spending.1) Opposition to the proposed rates increase- I oppose the average 7.9% residential rates rise; this equates to about $320 extra per household against a backdrop where real rates increases have already outstripped inflation since 2022 (roughly 30% in real terms vs. 12% inflation). A rate cap that keeps increases in line with or below inflation is reasonable and fair for households.2) Spending reductions as a path to lower rates- I urge the Council to cut wasteful corporate and backroom functions across the

Council and CCOs.- I support reducing consultancy and professional services spend rather than allowing continued growth in these areas.- I oppose discretionary and non-essential spending that does not deliver core statutory services to ratepayers.3) Specific programme and staffing measures aligned with the submitter's views- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.4) Alternative budget approach- As proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that my submission be considered in determining the final rates package and I urge the Council to implement the suggested spending reductions to achieve a significantly lower rate rise.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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N/A

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed 7.9% increase which equates to roughly $320 for the average household on the basis that rates have already risen 85% since the 2010 Super City reforms while the cumulative inflation over the same period is 34%. The breakdown of the 7.9% rise2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costssignificantly exceeds the rate of inflation and is not aligned with prudent budgeting for essential services.I urge the Council to implement meaningful cost reductions rather than passing costs to ratepayers. Specifically:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across Council and CCOs.- Cut

spending on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.The present budget direction should not treat rates as a wealth tax. Rateable values (and RVs) in use do not reflect market value and distort fairness in rate assessments. A more targeted efficiency-focused approach is required to protect ratepayers particularly given current cost pressures.I request that the Council adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget framework aiming to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent by delivering the above reductions.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7414

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Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Key positions- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household and compounds a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 well above inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants amounts to about $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant paid around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to push up costs. Cumulative evidence shows

consultant and contractor spend and related payroll have grown significantly while essential services should take priority.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A recruitment pause would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is argued not to be a core local government function.Rationale and alternatives- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) enabling an average rates increase of around 3%. This would be achieved by: (1) organisational change and hiring freezes saving $50 million; (2) capping consultant spending $50 million; (3) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation $30 million; (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants $20 million.- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% while population grew 22% and inflation was 34%a clear mismatch with the Council's spending priorities that should be addressed before increasing rates again.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a prudential spending posture and reject the 7.9% rise in favour of substantial efficiency gains and targeted reductions outlined above. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7420

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to prioritise spending restraint to keep rates affordable for households.Key concerns and positions:- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance projects that a tighter approach is possible without compromising essential services including a cap of around 3% with prudent expenditure controls.- Expenditure reduction across corporate and backroom functions is necessary. The Council and CCOs should streamline operations to remove unnecessary overhead.- Spending on consultancy and professional services must be curtailed not expanded as these costs

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The proposed rise averaging about $320 per household is not affordable for many ratepayers and far exceeds local inflation. I urge the Council to reduce expenditure and align rates with prudent essential services.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance positions to: 1) Oppose the 7.9 percent average increase and seek a cap around 3 percent by reducing wasteful spend. The current increase is driven largely by CRL operating costs and growth-related assets not core services. 2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. The

Council currently spends substantial sums on consultants and six-figure staff costs which should be reined in to protect essential services.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department Ngā Mātārae given that this is not a core local government mandate.I note the broader financial context: total payroll of about $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at roughly $590 million with several areas of expenditure rising faster than inflation. A targeted responsible reduction in discretionary and non-essential spending is required to protect ratepayers especially those on fixed incomes and approaching retirement including myself.As an alternative the Ratepayers' Alliance budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rate increases at 3% funded by: 50 million from personnel cost containment 50 million from consultants 30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and 20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I am at age where my superannuation per fortnight simply cannot cope with a large rates increase. I would be in a minus figure every week. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7469

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Local Board: Rodney

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a rigorous reduction in Council spending to protect households from a real-terms tax rise. The current plan would add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 and 85% since the Super City amalgamation. Rates should grow no faster than inflation not at levels that outpace population growth and essential service needs.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curbing spending on consultancy and professional services. Annual consultant costs total around $126 million across

the Council group with the average consultant receiving roughly $200k. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well ahead of inflation while essential service delivery is squeezed. A leaner organisation would deliver better value.I oppose continuing to fund the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in this analysis emits more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.I contest the level of Māori-focused spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes; this aligns with a responsible budget that serves all ratepayers.As per the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget I urge the Council to reduce new spending by at least $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at around 3%. This should be achieved by: (1) organisational change and hiring freezes to save $50 million; (2) capping spending on consultants to save $50 million; (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save $30 million; (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to save $20 million.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7488

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Local Board: Rodney

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of an ongoing real increase in rates that far exceeds household inflation and population growth since 2010.Key concerns and positions:1) The 7.9% increase is excessive. The Council should cap rates growth at around 3% by cutting wasteful spending rather than increasing bills to ratepayers. The current plan does not prioritise essential services over discretionary spending and new assets alone cannot justify such a large uplift.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. Spending on consultants and professional

services is unsustainably high. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance estimates $126 million per year across the Council group with the mean consultant earning about $200k. This is a clear area for immediate efficiency gains.3) Cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The current trajectory shows ongoing growth in external advice and contract work that does not translate to core service delivery for residents.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year it emits more carbon than it saves and is not a frontline municipal obligation. Funds should be redirected to essential and statutory services.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately and contribute to a more prudent budget.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) function should be reassessed as it is not a core local government responsibility.Alternative budget approach:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%): cap rates increase to about 3%.- Implement organisational change and a hiring freeze to save $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants by $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7489

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent in 2022 dollars well above cumulative inflation. I oppose this rate rise and advocate for substantial cost reductions to protect households.Agreed positions and rationale:- Oppose the 7.9 percent increase. At least a 3 percent cap is more reasonable if linked to inflation with meaningful savings pursued.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisation will lower overheads affecting every ratepayer.- Cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level is excessive and unnecessary

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7503

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit strong fact-based opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a significantly tighter control of Council spending.1. Rates and affordability- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% is not affordable. The current average bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 run at approximately 30% in 2022 dollars well above general inflation (about 12%). A 7.9% rise would exaggerate this erosion of household purchasing power.- I support reducing the rate rise to align with the Ratepayers' Alliance position: cap average residential rate increases at roughly 3% by cutting discretionary expenditure.2. Spending reform to fund the

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on the Council's own figures this equates to about $320 more per average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. The proposed increase largely to fund CRL operating costs and growth-related assets is unacceptable when spend across the Council and CCOs appears skewed toward backroom and consultant-led services.I support the following positions and respectfully request they be considered in the final plan:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9% and seek caps closer to inflation through expenditure restraint.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and

backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth in these areas (current consultant costs are around $126 million per year across the Council group with the average recipient earning about $200k).4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs approximately $36 million per year and in the view of ratepayers' analysis emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that such functions are not a core local government duty.Additional context from ratepayer analysis supports prioritising statutory and essential services and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings (estimated through a $150 million reduction in new spending enabling a ~3% rate rise cap under the proposed alternative budget).I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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#7526

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing the rate increase would amount to approximately $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (with inflation running higher). I oppose a rate rise above inflation and support urgent reductions in wasteful Council and CCO spending.Key points:1) Increases are not matched by essential service delivery. The proposed 7.9 percent increase is broken down as 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets tied to growth and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. This structure demands scrutiny to ensure funds are directed to essential statutory roles and core

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

For over two years I have been dealing with ongoing stormwater mismanagement involving both Auckland Transport and Auckland Council. Their infrastructure has repeatedly discharged significant volumes of road gravel and debris directly onto my property causing ongoing damage.This issue has been raised multiple times. The response to date has been slow reactive and incomplete. Limited upstream works have been carried out which clearly indicates the problem was known yet the root cause remains unresolved and continues to impact my property.In addition to the infrastructure failure my experience has included what I consider to be documented procedural

bullying. Rather than resolving the underlying issue processes have at times been used in a way that shifts pressure onto the affected property owner instead of addressing the failure of council-controlled assets. This raises serious concerns about both accountability and the way ratepayers are treated when issues are escalated.What is most concerning is the lack of ownership of the problem. Despite clear evidence of asset failure and resulting damage responsibility has effectively been deflected rather than addressed. The burden has been left with me as the property owner to manage the consequences of infrastructure I do not own or control.On that basis I have no confidence that additional rates revenue will result in improved service maintenance or accountability. Increasing rates while core infrastructure issues remain unresolved - and while affected ratepayers are subjected to this type of treatment - is not justified.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing annual growth in these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Additional considerations and context- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an Alternative Budget reducing new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. This would be achievable by targeting personnel costs capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Since amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth while core service delivery and accountability have not proportionally improved. My recent experience with stormwater mismanagement and procedural delays demonstrates a pattern of inadequate asset management and a lack of accountability for ratepayers who bear the cost of failures.In conclusion this submission requests cautious scrutiny of all components driving the rate increase and strong action to deliver tangible savings and improved asset management before any further ratepayer burden is imposed. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

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Tell us why

I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and urge a comprehensive reduction in wasteful Council spending. The current rate burden is already heavy with the weekly cost of rates becoming unaffordable for many households.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates increase: I oppose the average 7.9% rise. The ratepayer burden should not outpace inflation; a more prudent approach is needed to protect households and small businesses.2) Spending reductions: The Council must cut wasteful spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Excessive overheads drive costs higher without

delivering proportional benefits to residents.3) Consultancy and professional services: Reduce the spend on consultants and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. The current expenditure undermines the case for higher rates and should be targeted for savings.4) Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori-specific spending: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government in my view.7) Alternative budgeting: I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance approach to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cut) to cap rates at about 3%:- $50 million from personnel costs- $50 million from consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsAdditional point:The weekly cost of rates is unaffordable for many households and should be addressed in any revised plan.I would prefer to provide oral input at hearings only if invited; I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

The current level of ratepayer burden is already high with the average residential bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of 30%. A rate rise above inflation is unwarranted given the Council's own spending growth and the need to prioritise core statutory services.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap the rates rise at 3% by reducing overall council expenditure. Specifically I urge:1) Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.2) Capping spending on consultants and professional services to slow the growth of outsourced advisory costs (the Council

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Tell us why

The justification for opposition is clear. The proposed 7.9% average rate rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a prior 30% real increase since 2022 in the face of ongoing inflation. The current average bill is $4069. The rate rise should reflect value for money and prudent stewardship not continued growth in non-essential spending. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for asset maintenance and 1.5% for new assets driving a cumulative cost that far outpaces real gains in services.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rate increases by $150 million in annual Council spending achieved via a 2% reduction

in new spending. This would enable a more affordable rate outcome while maintaining essential services.Key items for immediate action:- Reduce personnel costs through organisation review and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $17 million now.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services directing funds to core statutory and essential services.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to realise at least $30 million in annual savings.- Prioritise statutory duties over discretionary grants and non-core programmes.Specific programme concerns:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Reconsider Māori Outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) of about $10 million annually arguing this is not a core local government function.Other observations: Council payroll and backroom costs have risen sharply with over 6000 staff on six-figure salaries and substantial increases in personnel costs and other expenses since 2022. Curbing these costs is essential to restoring ratepayer value.In closing I urge the Council to adopt the Alliance's spending caps and reprioritisation to deliver a more affordable rate increase aligned with genuine needs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a careful evidence-based reduction of wasteful Council spending to keep rates affordable for households.Key context and concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to roughly $320 for the average household on a current bill of about $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%well beyond inflation and population growth. This trajectory is unsustainable for many ratepayers.- A substantial portion of the increase is driven by operating costs for the CRL and related services rather than essential services alone. I urge the Council to focus on delivering statutory duties efficiently before expanding discretionary spend.Agreed positions (recommended to be included)1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. Seek a cap more aligned with inflation and population growth with a transparent plan to deliver core services within that limit.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services; halt ongoing growth in external advice where not essential.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million/year which is argued to emit more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing it is not a core local government function.Additional context- The alternative budget approach reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) would cap rates increases around 3% and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants. I support examining such options.Closing and hearingI request to submit this view for consideration and do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7585

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

My position is to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending with a focus on corporate and backroom functions and consultancy costs.Key points- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) and urge a plan that keeps rate rises aligned with inflation or lower. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far above inflation and population growth and this trend must be reversed.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure has risen well

beyond inflation and reforming these layers of cost is essential to affordable rates.- The Council should reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items. Current data show significant consultant costs across the group with the average consultant earning around $200k and overall consulting expenditure contributing to rising rate pressures.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non‘essential roles. A targeted hiring freeze for non‘essential positions could save at least $17 million immediately helping to cap rate increases and preserve essential services.Additional context and framework- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at roughly 3%. This would be achieved by: (1) reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze; (2) capping spending on consultants; (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- For transparency I urge prioritising essential services and statutory obligations over discretionary programmes and I oppose any expansion of spending that does not demonstrably improve core Auckland services.No further points beyond these are included. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Q5: 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?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7601

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to demand a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The Council must recognise that ratepayers are already carrying a heavy burden: the current average rates bill is $4069 and since 2022 the real increase is 30 percent far outstripping cumulative inflation.Key positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The increase should be capped and aligned with inflation not perennial growth in charges.- Reduce corporate and backroom expenditure across the Council and CCOs. Large-scale spend on six-figure salaries consultants and

back-office functions is not justifiable when ratepayers face higher bills.- Reduce consultancy and professional services spend rather than continuing to expand these expenditure items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that would deliver immediate savings (at least $17 million).- Cut Māori-specific spending including the declared $10 million per year for the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department which is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approachThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3 percent. This would be achieved via:- $50 million savings from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze.- $50 million savings from capping spending on consultants.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional pointsWhile I understand the importance of inclusivity I expect that spending decisions reflect core local government responsibilities and avoid levies that fall disproportionately on ordinary households.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7616

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit this submission in a constructive solution'focused manner to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to advocate for serious reductions in wasteful Council spending.The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to around $320 extra per year for the average household on top of an already high current average rates bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%outpacing inflation and population growth. The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets due to growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is not sustainable for households and does not align with the rate of inflation or wage

growth.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The data show consultant spend around $126 million annually across the Council group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and an average consultant salary around $200000. Direct subcontractor costs six-figure salaries and payroll costs have risen well above inflation while staffing freezes and vacancy control are overdue. The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for non‘essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.I also agree that the Council should cut Māori‘specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local‘government function.To stay within reasonable debt and keep rates from spiralling I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rates increase at around 3% by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I respectfully request that the Council consider these steps and provide clear feedback on achievable savings and service protections. Please publish a transparent plan showing how the proposed reduction targets will translate into lower rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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#7629

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Tell us why

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reductions- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and renegotiate contracts; consolidate vendors to deliver substantial savings.3) Alternative funding approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) which could cap the rate rise at around 3% if implemented through targeted cost controls: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million from consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well above inflation in recent years; a disciplined approach is required to restore affordability.4) Other considerations- There are concerns about building and office space efficiency with underutilised Council offices and excessive off-site leases contributing to unnecessary costs.- In the current weak economy further rate hikes threaten households and could drive residents to relocate from Auckland.ClosingI request that the Council engage in substantial cost reductions prior to any approval of above-inflation rate increases and provide clear evidence of how savings will be achieved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% despite a 12% inflation period. With rates running well above inflation over the past decade further large increases are unwarranted.To achieve a more prudent outcome I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce non-essential expenditure and reallocate funds to essential services. Specifically:1) Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential roles and declining vacancies that are not critical to core functionsthis would deliver meaningful savings including at least $17 million immediately.2) Curb spending on consultants and professional services; the current level is

excessive for a council of this size and growth trajectory.3) Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve $30“50 million in annual savings.4) Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants aligning spending with residents' core needs.I also oppose wasteful programmes and mandates that unnecessarily increase costs:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which receipts indicate emits more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) estimated at about $10 million per year as this is not a core local-government function.Taken together these measures align with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) which would cap average residential rates increases to roughly 3%. This approach better recognises Aucklanders' financial pressures and the need to curb backroom and corporate spend including six-figure payrolls consultants and back-office functions that have grown faster than inflation.Additional comment: history shows overspending persists until financial strain becomes unsustainable. I urge sensible restraint that prioritises essential services and long-term affordability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7649,338549,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to about $320 for the average household given the current average bill of $4069.I support a disciplined approach to Council spending and a re-prioritisation of services to protect households from above-inflation rate rises. The proposed 7.9% increase is not sustainable when the real increase since 2022 has already reached 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation (about 12%). The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets yet there is clear potential to reduce wasteful expenditure elsewhere.Concrete steps I endorse consistent with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget include:- Reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rates) to limit the rate rise to around 3%. This includes: - Freezing or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately. - Cutting spending on consultants and professional services by $50 million. - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save a further $30 million. - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- Reducing personnel costs and freezing recruitment in non-essential roles.- Capping consultant spend at current levels and cancelling non-core programmes.- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Reassessing Māori-focused allocations including the $10 million/year for the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as these are not core local government responsibilities.These steps would deliver a more affordable rates outcome while preserving essential city services. I request that the Council consider these measures and the rationale for a lower rate path in the final plan.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7650,338548,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit my views in a strong and direct tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to call for substantial

reductions in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9% and support aligning rates increases with real inflation and productivity gains. The current information shows a 7.9% increase with a typical household facing about $320 more per year on top of a long-run trend of rising costs. Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% far outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). This cannot continue without meaningful reform to how the Council spends.I urge the Council to adopt our Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which reduces new spending by $150 million (2% cap) and keeps rates closer to 3%. This requires:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionSpecific spending concerns and proposals:- Substantial expenditure on consultants and professional services remains unsustainable: current year-on-year growth far outstrips inflation.- Corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs should be cut to reduce overheads.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including about $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department which I consider not a core local government function.Closing: I request that Auckland Council seriously consider these savings and resist further rate increases beyond inflation directing funds to essential services and statutory duties.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7658,338540,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed rate rise and support a plan to curb wasteful Council spending. The public is already facing a substantial real increase in rates since the 2022 amalgamation era: a 30 percent rise in real terms with inflation running well below that level. The proposed 7.9 percent average increase equates to roughly $320 for the average household on a current bill of $4069. This burden is unacceptable while significant overspending persists across the Council group.To deliver relief I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget and urge the Council to recognise that rates affordability is inseparable from prudent spending. Specifically:1) Reduce new and ongoing Council spending by at least $150 million (2% cap) which would cap average residential rates increases at around 3 percent.2) Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles yielding at least $50 million.3) Cap expenditure on consultants and professional services at $50 million reversing a growth trajectory that has seen heavy reliance on external advice.4) Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve about $30 million in savings.5) Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.In addition there are explicit areas where savings should be realised immediately:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million right away.- Reform Maori-focused expenditure including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government role.These measures would help restore ratepayer trust and ensure funds are used for essential services Auckland-wide infrastructure and responsible governance.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7660,338538,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household) and urge a reset of Council spending to align rates with inflation and essential services.Key context: the current average rates bill stands at $4069 up from $2781 in 2022. In real terms rates have risen 30% since 2022 far outpacing cumulative inflation of 12%. The proposed 7.9% increase breaks down as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% well above inflation and population growth. Given these figures a 7.9% rise requires strong justification grounded in demonstrable efficiency and value.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget to cap the rate rise at 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) including:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and an hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI therefore urge immediate actions to reduce wasteful expenditure and improve efficiency:- Cut spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs- Limit consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these costs- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles (this alone could save at least $17 million)- Freeze or carefully pare Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government remitThese measures would prioritise statutory and essential services while delivering a meaningful restraint on rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7673,338525,,Rodney,Do not support most,I note the impact on households: an average rise of 7.9% approximately $320 for the typical family on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) while inflation has risen about 12 percent. This level of rate pressure is not sustainable for households already stretched by cost of living pressures.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9 percent and seek to cap the increase. - Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. - Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow ongoing growth in these areas. - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. - Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which in my view would save at least $17 million immediately. - Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a proper function of local government.Additional points- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) using targeted savings from personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and essential services prioritisation. - Lower the aggressive parking fine approach in the central suburbs including cases where fines are issued for minor driveway overhangs.I urge the Council to prioritise statutory and essential services and to pursue aggressive efficiency drives including organisational change hiring

freezes for non-essential roles vendor consolidation and renegotiations to deliver a 3 percent rate increase or lower.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7679,338519,,Rodney,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a rigorous reduction in wasteful council spending so essential services are protected.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of an already high rate bill of $4069 and a 30% real increase since 2022 (well above inflation). It is not acceptable to raise rates again when Council costs and backroom spending are so high.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the use of consultants and professional services which have grown far faster than inflation.- I support canceling the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I disagree with continuing Māori-specific spending as currently allocated; the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government role and funds would be better redirected to statutory and essential services.Alternative budget rationale- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which caps rates increases to around 3% by: - Cutting personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50 million) - Capping consultancy spend ($50 million) - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million) - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million)These steps would protect households from further cost-of-living pressures and preserve core services.Personal contextMy living costs are already high. I believe Mayor Brown's extended tenure has moved away from the values he was elected on making prudent restraint on spending even more essential.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7687,338511,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending and backroom costs. The proposed rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of around 30 percent far exceeding both inflation and population growth.Key concerns and requested actions:1) Oppose the average 7.9 percent increase. The ratepayer burden should not exceed inflation and should reflect core statutory services and essential infrastructure needs first.2) Reduce overall Council expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultants and professional services. The current level of consultancy spending ($126 million per year) and high contractor wages are not aligned with prudent value-for-money governance.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. A targeted hiring pause could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe falls outside the core remit of local government.6) Audit council spending with contractors and consultants to

ensure reasonable competitive pricing. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and programmes.7) Stick to providing core services and infrastructure upgrades or improvements and prioritise value-for-money within the existing rate baseline.In addition I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget framework aiming to cap rate increases to around 3 percent by realigning budget priorities: reduce personnel costs through organisational change cap consultant spend renegotiate contracts and prioritise essential services.I respectfully request that the hearing process consider these points and that the council demonstrates transparent evidence-based justification for any ongoing expenditure that drives rates beyond inflation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7725,338473,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this request during the public consultation period on the proposed 2026/27 Annual Plan. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge a thorough reduction in wasteful council spending to keep rates affordable for households.Key concerns and positions:- Rates affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase would add roughly $320 per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. Rates must be restrained to reflect inflation and the level of service required by households not simply fund new liabilities.- Wasteful backroom costs: The Council and CCOs must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions. A leaner organisation is essential to deliver essential services at a fairer cost to ratepayers.- Consultants and professional services: Spending on consultants and contractual professional services should be reduced rather than increased. Cumulative reliance on external expertise has driven costs higher without clear demonstrable value for ratepayers.- Discontinuation of the Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves aligning with prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds.- Staffing freeze and payroll discipline: Freeze non-essential recruitment and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant roles where possible. This could save at least $17 million immediately.- Targeted reductions in Maori outcomes spending: Cut Maori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae department where such functions are not the role of local government; reallocate to core statutory services.- Alternative budget approach: I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping average residential rates increases at around 3%. This would be achieved through personnel cost controls vendor and consultant caps and prudent renegotiations.Additional note: In the interests of transparency and conservative governance I urge prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and consolidating contracts to improve value for money.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7732,338466,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to call for a focused value-for-money approach to Council spending.Key points I support:- Oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9%. This would add roughly $320 to the average household bill on top of a 30% real increase

since 2022 while inflation has run higher than the rate of public service growth.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to keep rising.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a core local government function.- Consider the Alliance's plan to cap average residential rates increases at 3% by reducing new spending by about $150 million including allocating savings from personnel consultants and contracts to essential services.Additional points I raise:- AC appears bloated with staff and back-office functions. I would like to see a transparent plan showing how promised staff reductions or reorganisation will be achieved.- I expect a budgetary emphasis on transport reform milestones before and after policy changes so ratepayers can see the direct link between funds and outcomes.I respectfully request that the Council prioritise statutory and essential services and reallocate funds away from discretionary programmes and non-core activities. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7734,338464,,Rodney,Do not support most,I am submitting in a constructive and solution‘focused manner to express my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for tighter control of council spending.I oppose the 7.9% rates increase. The proposed rise reflects funding for maintaining existing assets (2%) new assets for growth (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has been about 34% and population growth about 22%. A more prudent approach would limit the rate rise to a level aligned with or below inflation while targeting confirmed efficiency gains.To achieve this I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new council spending by $150 million (2%) and cap the average residential rates increase at 3% through:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze for vacant non‘essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services to curb outlays that have grown well beyond inflation.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to achieve savings of $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with $20 million redirected accordingly.Specific items from the budget that should be reconsidered include:- The Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves; it should be cancelled.- Maori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) roughly $10 million per year; I believe this should be reconsidered as a matter of local government priority.- Ongoing payroll costs and backroom functions given the current staff levels and six‘figure salaries; freezing hiring and reassessing roles would contribute meaningful savings.Direct operating expenditure and reliance on consultants have risen well beyond general inflation and a comprehensive efficiency and consolidation plan is overdue. I urge the Council to publish a transparent savings plan detailing where these efficiencies will be realised.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit in opposition to the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending. My views are informed by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing and consistent with a detailed evidence-based approach.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase is not affordable and is above inflation. It amounts to about $320 extra per average

household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while population growth has been 22% and cumulative inflation about 34%; this represents a real stress on households.- The rate rise should be funded by tightening operating costs and reining in non-core spending rather than passing higher costs to residents.Agreed positions (selected talking points)- Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9%.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.- Reduce unnecessary staff not involved in core services.Additional points- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate rises) prioritise statutory and essential services and renegotiate vendor contracts to achieve savings of about $30 million.- Emphasise a programmatic shift from discretionary grants to core responsibilities with organisational change and a hiring freeze where appropriate.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a leaner operating model reduce non-essential spending and present a phased plan to bring rates growth closer to inflation. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7741,338457,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a focused tightening of wasteful Council spending so rates reflect inflation and value for money for ratepayers.Key points:- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% is excessive. The typical household would face about $320 more per year on top of a lengthy period of rising costs since 2010 that has seen rates rise 85% (well above inflation and population growth).- A substantial portion of the increase is driven by CRL operating costs (4.4%) plus ongoing asset maintenance and new assets. This growth should be reviewed against a tighter cap on discretionary spending and a clearer focus on statutory responsibilities.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing the rise in these areas.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled at a cost of $36 million per year and with carbon emissions that exceed savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Alternative budgeting approach:- Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average rate rise at around 3% by: reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes; capping consultancy spending; renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I urge the Council to adopt these savings and to reconsider the proposed level of rates increases. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7743,338455,,Rodney,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. The rate rise is well above inflation and would place an ongoing burden on households already stretched by recent price increases.I support targeted action to reduce wasteful expenditure and to prioritise core Council and statutory services. Specifically I urge the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce spending by about $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This can be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles saving around $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services saving around $50 million.- Undertaking contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save around $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving around $20 million.There are clear areas of inefficiency that warrant urgent attention. Spending on consultants totals roughly $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200000. Direct operating expenditure has risen far faster than inflation and payroll costs remain high at more than $1.3 billion. The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year should be cancelled as evidence suggests it emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose expanding spend on Māori outcomes through Ngā Mātārae and I believe a focus on core local-government responsibilities should take precedence.Given these points I urge the Council to pause the current rate rise and implement a rigorous transparent review of all discretionary spending. A smaller rate increase backed by demonstrable savings is more sustainable for families and for Auckland's financial stability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7764,338434,,Rodney,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge significant reprioritisation of Council spending to reduce waste and protect households on tight budgets.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a rising rates base that has grown by 85% since 2010. This is well above inflation and well above population growth placing disproportionate pressure on households.- The funding split behind the increase is concerning: 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. I question whether such a high proportion should be funded through rate increases rather than efficiency gains.- Spending pressures are evident across the Council group notably: $126 million per year on consultants and contractors payroll of $1.3 billion and 868 million on corporate and support functions. These costs feed into rate rises not services that households directly rely on.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (that alone would save at least $17 million right away).- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Other pointsIf the Council wants to spend rate payments on a new area it should remove funding from an unused existing area e.g. fund bike-lane consultations by redeploying

money from existing budgets rather than raising rates.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7766,338432,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% in 2022 dollars far outstripping cumulative inflation. The proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is not acceptable when ratepayers face persistent cost pressures.To achieve meaningful relief I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rates rise to around 3%. Specific measures should include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI also urge immediate action on wasteful or non-essential spending that inflates rates without delivering proportional local benefits. In particular:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million right away.- Reassess Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department acknowledging that this is not a core local government role.Additional concerns about overall expenditure include the high reliance on consultants ($126 million annually across the Council group) and the significant payroll and other operating costs (e.g. direct operating expenditure growth well above inflation). A focused reduction in corporate and backroom expenses along with renegotiations of contracts and a consolidation of vendors would help keep essential services funded while delivering fairer rates to households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7768,338430,,Rodney,Do not support most,This is a personal and sincere appeal to you in which I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge the Council to prioritise expenditure reductions and responsible budgeting.1) Opposition to the rate increase- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is about 30 percent far outstripping general inflation. The proposed split2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdoes not justify a rate burden that outpaces household incomes and essential living costs over the same period.2) Spending reductions to enable lower rates- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. Why is the council not recruiting their own staff at a much lesser cost rather than using consultants who charge horrendous fees?- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. I travel around Auckland on a daily basis and on food scrap collection dates there are hardly any food scrap bins awaiting collection. The

majority of ratepayers DO NOT USE this service.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. However hiring staff to replace expensive consultants is also needed.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given that this is not a core local government function. No individual culture should be given preference for specific spending - we are a city of One People and all funds should be spent to benefit all new Aucklanders not just Maori.3) Alignment with budget reality- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85%well ahead of inflation and population growth. A targeted restraint on discretionary and non-core spend would align Auckland's finances with residents' ability to pay while preserving essential services.In summary I urge the Council to publish an alternative budget aligning with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increases to about 3% and prioritising statutory and essential services above discretionary items.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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7770,338428,,Rodney,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) against 12 percent cumulative inflation. The proposed 7.9% breakdown2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsoffers little relief for households already stretched by rising costs.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a credible path to capping the average rates increase to around 3 percent by cutting non-essential spending by $150 million (2%) including substantial reductions in corporate and backroom functions across Council and CCOs and in consultancy and professional services. I urge the Council to implement these savings as a priority.I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to grow these items. Direct operating expenditure has risen 78% from 2013 to 2023 against 29% inflation and staff costs have surged. The payroll stands at about $1.3 billion with $590 million spent on consultants and contractors. Reducing these costs is essential to protect households from outsized rate burdens.I also urge cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. In addition freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.I further support cutting Māori-specific spendingsuch as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae)as this is not a core function of local government.Closing: Due to a speech impediment I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing. I would like to attend such a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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must reduce spend on corporate and backroom office functions. Funds should be redirected toward essential services not kept in bloated administration.3) Consultants and professional services: The Council should cut spending on consultants and reduce reliance on external professional services. This area has grown substantially and contributes to higher rates without proportional service outcomes.4) Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance view emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect resources to essential waste and diversion programs with demonstrated net benefits.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze recruitment for non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant positions. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately and dampen the need for rate increases.6) Māori-specific spending: Curb Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government has statutory duties that do not require parallel expenditure levels for policy goals beyond core services.A targeted alternative budget approach would cap the rate increase at around 3 percent by reducing: personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I reiterate opposition to the proposed increase and urge a transparent independent review of current spend and efficiencies with a focus on delivering core services to ratepayers at sustainable costs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7807,338391,,Rodney,Do not support most,I strongly agree with the need to cap rate rises and instead curb excessive spending. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows rates have risen 85% since 2010 far outpacing inflation. A 7.9% rise equating to about $320 for the average household is not acceptable while there is clear scope to reduce non-essential spend.Key priorities for savings include reducing corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The Council should also stop expanding consultancy and professional services which currently consume substantial resources. The Spending profile highlights $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant receipt around $200000.I call for the immediate cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. In addition I urge a pause on filling vacant non-essential roles and a freeze on staffing to achieve at least $17 million in immediate payroll savings.Further I oppose ongoing Maori-specific spending that goes beyond the core functions of local government. The $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a role of local government and reducing this line would align spending with statutory responsibilities.Additional points: stop the waste on road calming measures promoted by Auckland Transport as promised by the mayor and prioritise basic statutory services over discretionary grants.In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate increase at around 3% through targeted reductions in personnel consultants vendor contracts and essential service prioritisation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7815,338383,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this response in a strong and direct manner opposing the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent.I oppose the 7.9% increase

and urge the Council to cap rates increases closer to the rate of inflation or below recognising that the current average residential bill is $4069 and has risen dramatically since 2010. The Council's plan allocates 4.4% of the increase to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This breakdown alongside ongoing growth in staffing and backroom costs demonstrates that significant savings are achievable without compromising essential services.I am calling for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. The Council must:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing vacancies and avoiding unnecessary hires which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services instead of allowing further growth in these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Drastically cut Māori-focused spending including the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) as this is not a core local government function.These changes align with the broader aim to curb discretionary and corporate spending. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) can cap the average residential rates increase at around 3 percent while preserving statutory and essential services.Additional points I emphasise include accountability and responsible budgeting. Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85%well above inflation and population growth. It is unacceptable that consultants and six-figure salaries continue to rise at a pace far outstripping inflation. The Council must prioritise core services over discretionary grants and back-office expansions.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7817,338381,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge urgent measures to reduce wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive particularly given the real rate increases since 2022 (30% in 2022 dollars vs. 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs which is a core driver that should be reviewed for efficiency.- Wasteful expenditure dominates the spending profile. Council and CCO payrolls are high and rising with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and 72 paid more than the mayor. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 far outstripping inflation.- Outsourced and consultant spend remains excessive: $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid about $200000. Cumulative reliance on consultants should be cut.- Specific areas for reduction: the Food Scraps Programme costs around $36 million annually and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; freezing vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately; and the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered as non-core to local government functions.Agreed minimum actions (alternative budget)- Implement a 2% reduction in new Council spending to cap rates rises at about 3% by: - Reducing personnel costs through restraint on hiring and organisational change: save ~$50 million - Capping consultancy/contractor spend: save ~$50 million - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors: save ~$30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: save ~$20 millionClosingI urge the Council to adopt these efficiencies and reject a $320 average annual increase per household without demonstrable value-for-money savings. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7828,338370,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this as a constructive solution-focused response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This rise would add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (40% nominal growth versus 12% inflation) and it exceeds what many ratepayers can reasonably absorb. I urge a more prudent inflation-aligned approach that prioritises essential services and demonstrates value for every dollar spent.To achieve this I advocate the following concrete measures and priorities:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Slow and reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth in these areas.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.In addition I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the average residential rate increase at around 3%. This would be achieved by the package of changes outlined above including caps on consultants renegotiations with vendors and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council adopt a more disciplined cost framework with transparent reporting on directorates and provide clear evidence of how savings are reinvested into essential services for residents.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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cost-of-living rise. Infill housing nearby will bring about many new ratepayers which the Council should manage within a sustainable budget.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7847,338351,,Rodney,Do not support most,1) Rates increase and spending reform- I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. The impact on households is significant given the current average bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 have reached about 30 percent well above inflation.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget shows a feasible path to cap increases at around 3 percent by cutting wasteful spending. This would be achieved by reducing personnel costs through freeze/hiring controls capping consultant spend pursuing contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.2) Targeted cost savings- Reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services.- Cancel non-essential programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves).- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Maori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government remit.3) Additional considerations- Seek contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to lower operating costs.- Prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary projects.- As an added measure aligned with cost discipline consider stopping sea bottom dredging in our area.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance's spending reduction approach and to keep rates increases within inflation-adjusted levels or lower rather than pushing families to bear a disproportionately large rise.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7858,338340,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive and solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to advocate practical reductions in wasteful Council spending. The current average residential bill is $4069 and residents should not bear a 7.9% increase when inflation remains lower in the medium term.Proposed rate increase and spending priorities1. I oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9%. The increase is not aligned with households' ability to pay especially given the cumulative impact since 2010: rates have risen 85% far in excess of inflation and population growth. A more prudent inflation-aligned approach is required.2. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A substantial portion of the rise is driven by internal overheads rather than essential services.3. I support cutting spend on consultancy and professional services. Reducing external advisers will lower operating costs and improve value for money.4. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect funds to essential measurable waste and sustainability improvements with clearer impact.5. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. halting non-essential recruitment could save at least $17 million immediately.6. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential

services not niche programmes outside core responsibilities.7. The proposed plan should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rates). This includes departmental restructuring a hiring freeze vendor consolidation and renegotiations to cap the rate increase around 3%.Additional pointThe promises made by Wayne Brown have not been delivered. We need to urgently stop the rate blow-out and restore confidence with prudent accountable budgeting.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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7871,338327,,Rodney,Do not support most,1. Why the rate rise should be restrained- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in the face of 12% overall inflation. I urge the Council to cap the rate rise to 3% by reprioritising spending.- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while population grew by 22% and inflation was 34%. This shows a clear pattern of spend exceeding population needs and macroeconomic conditions.2. Wasteful spend and acceptable reductions- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Limit consultancy and professional services; cap and review spend and prioritise internal capability where feasible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government function.3. A responsible alternative budget- Align with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increase at 3% through targeted actions: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capped consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants4. Closing requestI ask the Council to adopt a prudent efficiency-focused path that preserves essential services while delivering rate relief to households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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7873,338325,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average rise is excessive relative to inflation and living costs. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with the real increase since 2022 around 30% in 2022 dollars. A rate rise of 7.9% would compound this pressure on households already paying more for services.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs and 2% for maintaining existing assets plus 1.5% for new assets. I request Council to prioritise essential statutory services and curb discretionary spending that does not directly improve residents' day-to-day wellbeing.- A substantial reduction in consultancy and professional services is essential. The Alliance cites $126 million per year in consultancy across the Council group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and an average consultant pay of about

$200000. Cutting these costs should be a central component of any affordable budget.- Specific cost-cutting targets include cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves) freezing staffing or reducing payroll by avoiding non-essential vacancies (potential savings of at least $17 million) and freezing or reducing Māori-focused spending including the Ngā Mātārae department's claimed $10 million per year unless evidence shows clear local government outcomes.Alternative budget focus- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance suggestion to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3% by: (a) reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes (b) capping consultancy spend (c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors and (d) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request the Council to consider these reductions and to publish a plan showing how a significantly lower rate increase can be achieved without compromising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7882,338316,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this public submission in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a tightening of Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to roughly $320 for the average household at a time when rates have already risen 85% since 2010 and when cumulative inflation has outpaced rate growth. I note that 4.4% of the proposed increase funds CRL operating costs and 2% is for maintaining existing assets with 1.5% for new assets. This level of uplift is not affordable for households particularly given the real increase in rates since 2022 is about 30% (in 2022 dollars) versus 12% inflation.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.In line with cost containment I urge cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a local government core function. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposing a $150 million reduction in new Council spendingcapable of delivering a 3% rate risereflects a prudent value-for-money approach: reduce personnel costs cap consultants renegotiate contracts and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional concerns: I am unhappy with what I consider unnecessary council expenditure including the shift away from a user-pays to subsidised waste model and the costly food scraps programme which was pursued despite public consultation not supporting it.I would prefer the Council to implement a targeted efficiency-focused path rather than broad rate increases. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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reductions across the Council and CCOs.Key positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent far exceeding inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent covering CRL operating costs plus 2 percent for existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets. This level of uplift is unacceptable for households already stretched by inflation.- Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants is $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well beyond inflation while the payroll alone is about $1.3 billion.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The current trajectory of increasing consultant and contractor costs is unsustainable.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- Consider the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average rates increase at 3 percent achieved through a combination of personnel cost reductions caps on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services.Additional points: Council's expenditure growth for staff and discretionary items has outpaced inflation for over a decade; prudence and efficiency are required to restore affordability and value for ratepayers.Closing:I request to speak at the hearings to elaborate my concerns in person. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7908,338290,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. For the average household this represents roughly $320 more per year on a current average bill of $4069. Since the 2010 Super City reform rates have risen by about 85 percent well above inflation and population growth. The breakdown of the proposed increase2 percent to maintain assets 1.5 percent for new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costsadds to the cost burden on ratepayers without clear proportional benefits for essential services.I urge the Council to reduce wasteful spending particularly in corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services. The Alliance's figures show about $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with significant amounts paid to external firms for projects that do not always align with ratepayer interests. I support cutting this expenditure and improving accountability for consultancy advice ensuring it reflects value for money and local outcomes.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and per assessment emits more carbon than it saves. I further support freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.I oppose continued spending on Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department cited as about $10 million per year. While I recognise the importance of community wellbeing this is not a core local-government function and resources should be redirected to statutory and essential services.As a consultant I am concerned by inefficiencies in Council spend particularly on multinational consultants who frequently rubber-stamp projects rather than provide independent rigorous analysis. There must be greater accountability for Council staff and consultants to ratepayers.I request to speak at hearings to present these points in more

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

7912,338285,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a program of cost reductions focused on wasteful backroom and consultancy spending better allocation of limited rates and prioritisation of core services.Key concerns- The proposed average 7.9% rise equates to about $320 more per average household (current average bill is $4069). This is a real increase well above reasonable cost growth and outstrips inflation after a long period of rate rises since 2010 in the Auckland Super City.- A substantial portion of the increase funds ongoing operating costs for CRL maintenance of existing assets and new assets due to growth. I urge Council to constrain non-core spending and refocus on essential services.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) could cap the rate rise to around 3 percent. This would be achieved by: reducing personnel costs through an organisational change and hiring freeze ($50m); capping consultant and professional services spend ($50m); renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30m); prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20m).Specific actions I urge- Freeze vacancies and reduce payroll costs by not hiring non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce spend on consultants and professional services and cut back corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which I believe emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department. This is not a core local government function.- Reduce headcount to a more reasonable level. Auckland City Council has increased employee roll by approximately 30% over 6 years with no apparent improvement in delivery and outcomes. - Reduce or remove non-core expenditures. Examples include hugely expensive road crossings where we could provide equivalent outcomes with a zebra crossing cycle lanes that have incredibly low usage the current expensive and useless food scraps collection initiative etc. etc.Additional concernsAuckland Council tends to behave as if funds are unlimited and has not adequately controlled costs. The current trajectory and the leadership of recent years has not delivered the cost containment promised.Wayne Brown campaigned on managing costs and has failed.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing and fully expect this to be a waste of time based on the Council's behaviour wrt submissions it opposes in the past. You do not listen and these exercises are generally tick box rather than true consultation. On the bright side it is looking more likely Wayne Brown will get voted out next time around.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7927,338270,,Rodney,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase of 30% since 2022 against 12% overall inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. In short ratepayers are subsidising high-cost projects and overheads that do not reflect prudent budgeting or value for money.I urge the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about

2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. This would be achieved through:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionSpecific spending areas to reconsider or halt include:- Corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs which are excessive and drive up overheads.- Consultancy and professional services where a significant portion of operating costs have grown disproportionately.- Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and emitting more carbon than it saves; cancellation is warranted.- Staffing costs: freezing vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) function which is not a core local government responsibility.End-of-year cost pressures have stretched ratepayer tolerance. End this spending growth; refocus on essential services and bring expenditure into line with core council responsibilities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7928,338269,,Rodney,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% inflation). A 7.9% rise is well above inflation and household budget tolerance and is neither fair nor necessary.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to grow. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows consultant spend at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving roughly $200000. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 far outpacing inflation. Reducing these costs is a prudent starting point to stabilise rates.I agree that the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled given the $36 million per year cost and its reported carbon emissions profile relative to savings. I also support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately. In addition I agree that Maori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered as a matter for local government scope and priorities.The Alliance's Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a rates cap around 3% through: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capped consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. I urge the Council to adopt a similar approach to restore affordability and focus on core services.Closing: I request that the Council consider these positions and undertake a careful rebalancing of priorities to deliver essential services with lower growth in rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7929,338268,,Rodney,Do not support most,I write as a ratepayer who seeks affordable value-for-money local government. I oppose sustained rate increases that exceed inflation and compromise

household budgets and I urge a clear focus on reducing wasteful Council spending while protecting essential services.Key points and constructive proposals:- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% adds roughly $320 per household on top of a real increase since 2022 of about 30%. This is far above local inflation and population growth and it is essential to pause or rethink this trajectory.- The ratepayer Alliance suggests a more prudent path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average rate rises at around 3%. This would be achieved by: (a) a freeze or reduction in payroll costs through organisational changes and limiting non-essential hiring; (b) capping spending on consultants and professional services; (c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; and (d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Specific areas for savings align with the Alliance findings: reduce personnel costs and payroll cut consultant expenditure pursue contract renegotiations and prioritise core statutory functions over discretionary programmes.Why these measures matter:- Consultants and backroom functions are high-cost with widespread use across the Council and CCOs. Drastically reducing these expenditures would lower overhead without compromising frontline services.- The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million annually has questions about its carbon impact versus savings and should be reviewed with a view to delivering real environmental benefits more efficiently.- Curbing non-essential staffing increases is a direct and immediate lever to bring rates increases back toward a more affordable level with potential savings of tens of millions of dollars annually.- The Alliance also calls for reductions in Maori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department to ensure government responsibilities align with the core statutory duties of local government.Additional context:New Zealand's growth must be managed with sustainable funding; simply raising rates without curbing wasteful expenditure risks placing disproportionate pressure on households.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7930,338267,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge the Council to address wasteful expenditure before any rate rises are imposed.Key concerns- The 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. This is a real reduction in value for ratepayers given cumulative inflation and population growth since 2010.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core remit of local government.- The Council should implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increases at 3% including: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional pointsThere is clear evidence of gross waste and inefficiency across the bureaucracy. This must be brought under control before any rate increases are considered or imposed.In closing I request that my submission be considered in full and that the Council prioritise restraint on non-essential spend

and reform of cost drivers before approving further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7945,338252,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to demand a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending. The current rate rise is not affordable for households and it continues a pattern of growth far above inflation and population change since the 2010 amalgamation.Key concerns1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household while the real burden since 2022 has grown by roughly 30% in rates against 12% inflation. This is unsustainable for ratepayers who fund essential city services.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. Council and CCOs spend heavily on personnel and back-office functions with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and substantial payroll growth. Direct operating expenditure and external contracting have risen much faster than inflation; reform of corporate costs is essential.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. Annual consultant spend averages $126 million across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent. The average consultant earns about $200k. This pattern should be halted or reversed to protect ratepayer value.4) Cancel non-essential programmes. Specifically the Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This is not a prudent use of public funds given competing priorities and climate considerations.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. A freeze on non-essential hires or a reduction in vacancies would deliver immediate savings potentially at least $17 million.6) Cut Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a local-government function and should be redirected to core statutory services.An alternative budget framework would cap the rate rise to around 3% by saving approximately $150 million through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultancy spend contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that the Council seriously consider these savings and align rates with inflation and essential services rather than growth-driven expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7949,338248,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase.The proposed 7.9 percent rise is excessive given the persistent inflationary backdrop and the Council's own spending patterns. The current average residential rates bill sits at $4069 with real increases since 2022 of about 30 percent far outpacing 12 percent cumulative inflation. A rate rise driven in large part by CRL operating costs and ongoing asset maintenance is not acceptable when the Council can and should exercise stronger fiscal discipline.I support a strategic reduction in spend across the Council and CCOs particularly in corporate and backroom office functions. Cutting non-core spending will help keep rates bearable while protecting essential services. I also urge a reduction in expenditure on consultancy and professional services rather than a continued rise in these areas. The Council should pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve tangible savings.Specific measures I propose include:- Cancel the

Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Maori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.An alternative budget approach is to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) capping average residential rates increases to around 3 percent. This would be achieved through the combination of personnel cost controls cap on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.The cost of living is very tough for Aucklanders and the Council must demonstrate restraint and responsibility; the Council should live within its means as residents do.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7952,338245,,Rodney,Do not support most,The proposed rise is excessive when examined in context. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 up dramatically from 2022. Since 2010 rates have increased by 85%far outpacing cumulative inflation (approximately 34%) and population growth (about 22%). The result is a real burden on households and this burden is set to grow 7.9% heavier in the next year.Every effort should be made to keep annual rates growth aligned to CPI inflation approximately 3% currently. This requires targeted reductions in non-core and discretionary spending and a focus on protecting essential services. Specifically I urge:- A reduction in personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services to stop the ongoing growth of these expenses (the Council currently reports about $126 million per year across the group with high average consultant costs).- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings (around $30 million).- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with $20 million redirected accordingly.I also request consideration of further efficiency measures:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) function funded at around $10 million per year which is not a core local-government mandate.These steps would reduce total new spending helping to keep rates increases affordable for households. While CRL costs are real council expenditure must first be aligned to core services before elevating rates for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7965,338232,,Rodney,Do not support most,This level of increase is not affordable and far exceeds inflation or reasonable growth in services.I oppose the rate rise and urge a focus on reducing wasteful spending and reforming council operations. The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb the escalation of consultancy and professional services which are driving up costs without delivering commensurate public value.Specific actions I support include:- Canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing and/or

reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori Outcomes department as this is not a conventional local government function and should be prioritised differently.I also support adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. This would include revising personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes capping consultant spending renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Other context you should consider:- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% well ahead of population growth and inflation underscoring the need for efficiency and restraint.- Direct operating expenditure has risen substantially relative to inflation and staff costs represent a major portion of the budget.Thank you for considering these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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the mayor. These figures indicate scope to rebalance spending away from bloated payroll and outsourced advisory services toward essential services.I advocate specific actions to reduce expenditure and cap rates increases:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which by conservative estimates would save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services and renegotiate contracts while pursuing vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings (target: at least $50 million).- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and streamline six-figure back-office roles (abolish or reallocate where appropriate).In addition I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose expanding Māori-specific programmes beyond the core functions of local government including the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae.An alternative budget proposal aligns with keeping average residential rate increases within the rate of inflation. The Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3% through the measures above (staffing consultants and vendor savings).I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7996,338201,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household) and urge a major review of non-essential spending to protect ratepayers now and into the future.Key points1) The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive relative to inflation and population growth. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%). A more sustainable approach is needed that prioritises essential services over escalating backroom costs.2) Agreement with targeted cost reductions: The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Current consultant spend is around $126 million per year with the average consultant receiving about $200k and the Auckland Council parent contributing roughly $60 million. Reducing these costs can help cap rate increases.3) Wasteful programmes and payroll controls: I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) if it does not yield net emissions or cost savings. I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Additionally we should critically evaluate and reduce payroll-related growth to reflect statutory and essential services.4) Prioritising statutory services and scrutinising Māori-specific spending: I disagree with expanding non-statutory programmes; I support focusing funds on mandatory and essential services. Regarding the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) I believe the Council should realign or reduce spending in this area where it is not a direct obligation of local government.Alternative budget approachThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average residential rates increase at 3% through: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI ask that the Council consider these cost controls and the alternative budget to deliver more affordable rates while safeguarding essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8004,338193,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the 7.9 percent increase and urge a policy of prudent restraint on rate rises. The current trajectory shows a real rate increase well above inflation since 2022 (approximately 30 percent in real terms versus 12 percent inflation) and the proposed 7.9 percent would further erode household financial security. To align with a more affordable rate path I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap the average residential increase at around 3 percent by delivering substantial savings.I call for substantial reductions in Council and CCO spending particularly in backroom and corporate functions and in consultancy and professional services. The spend on consultants across the Council group is unsustainably high with $126 million annually and an average consultant pay of about $200000. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and personnel costs have risen sharply. A targeted freeze on staffing for non-essential roles and a reduction in payroll costs could save at least $17 million immediately.I also urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. In addition I propose capping overall consultancy spend at a lower level and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful savings.There is a clear case to reduce spending on statutory or discretionary Māori outcomes. The proposed $10 million per year for Ngā Mātārae appears disproportionate for local government; redirecting such funds toward essential services would be prudent.Additional cost controls should include reducing Council spending on company vehicles prioritising essential services and redirecting funds toward core community needs.Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to support a 3 percent rates cap achieved through: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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driving the bulk of that growth. Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 while rates have risen 85% since amalgamation outpacing population growth and inflation. Given these trends the proposed 7.9% increase is unwarranted.I request that the Council publicly demonstrate how it will achieve the 3% cap including concrete timelines milestones and accountability for efficient service delivery while protecting statutory obligations and essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8020,338177,,Rodney,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase is not affordable for households when real rates since 2022 have risen 30% in current dollars against 12% overall inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for growth-related new assets. This level of increase far exceeds inflation and population growth and should be revisited.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current data indicate substantial payroll and corporate spend that contributes to rate increases without demonstrable public benefit.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be reduced. Annual consultant costs of around $126 million across the Council group with $60 million attributed to the Auckland Council itself and average consultant pay of about $200000 is excessive.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is not shown to save enough carbon to justify the expense. Wasteful discretionary items should be deprioritised.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles. Estimations suggest this could save at least $17 million immediately and address the structural cost drivers.- Cut Māori-focused spending specifically the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department as this role falls outside the core responsibilities of local government.Alternative budget approachThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%. This would be achieved through: a) personnel cost controls and hiring freezes b) capping consultancy spend c) renegotiation of contracts and vendor consolidation and d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request careful consideration of the above measures to achieve a more affordable rate outcome while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8024,338173,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a reset of Council expenditure toward a more affordable responsible path.The proposed 7.9% average rate rise is not acceptable given the Council's cost drivers and the growth in spending since 2010. The breakdown shows 2% for maintenance 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. In real terms residents have faced a 30% increase since 2022 (well above cumulative inflation of 12%) while services and delivery must remain essential and affordable. I support a targeted approach that reduces waste and concentrates funds on core statutory responsibilities.I agree that the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut the

spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these costs. The evidence of high external advice and contractor costs is clear and unsustainable for household budgets. I call for a credible verifiable reduction across non-essential functions.Specific cost-saving measures I support:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Freeze or reduce Maori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.To keep rates affordable I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This would be achieved through organisational change and hiring freezes capping consultancy spending contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. I also reiterate the commitment to keep rates as low as possible.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8030,338167,,Rodney,Do not support most,The current trajectory is unaffordable for households especially when real rates increases since 2022 have risen by 30% while overall inflation runs higher.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. I support capping the rise at 3% through meaningful savings and reforms.- Wasteful spending must be cut first. The council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these costs.- The Food Scraps Programme must be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Payroll and staffing: freeze non-essential roles and avoid hiring for vacant positions. A halt to new hires alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Targeted reductions in Māori-specific spend: cut the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- A broader smarter budget is required. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve better value.The Council's spending profile including $1.3 billion in payroll and $590 million on consultants and contractors shows a structural misalignment with ratepayer priorities. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. It is reasonable for ratepayers to expect a leaner cost base and a focus on essential services rather than expanding non-core programmes and lavish back-office spend.Proposed alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) achieving a 3% average rate increase. This requires: organisational change and hiring freezes ($50 million); cap consultancy spend ($50 million); contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation ($30 million); prioritise statutory/essential services ($20 million).Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9% residential rates increase and in support of substantial reductions in Council spending to protect ratepayers from rising costs.Key points- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The proposed rise includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs on top of funding for existing assets and new growth. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation and population growth. A more prudent approach is needed.- I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and

cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing upward.- I agree to cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- I agree to freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I agree to cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) since this is not a local government statutory responsibility.- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping average rates increase at 3%. This would come from: $50 million to reduce personnel costs $50 million to cap consultancy spending $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional points- The non-recyclable garbage bin fee should be scrapped; it provides no value to ratepayers.- Former Mayor Wayne Brown campaigned on cutting wasteful spending; current spending on staff wages and consultants appears not aligned with that mandate and should be redirected toward productivity and results.In closing I urge careful consideration of the proposed rise and the outlined savings plan prioritising essential services and genuine efficiency gains.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8048,338149,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful council spending.1) Rate increase opposition and prudent budgeting- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise is excessive and should be opposed. The expected increase equates to about $320 for the average household while the real increase since 2022 stands at 30% in current dollars far outpacing general inflation (12%). I support reducing the rates impact to a maximum of 3% by cutting wasteful spending.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across Council and CCOs- Spending on corporate business support functions and backroom operations is excessive and must be streamlined. Eighteen functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure; this is unsustainable and not aligned with essential services.3) Curb consultancy and professional services- Spending on consultants is unnecessarily high at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving around $200k. This must be reduced and a cap placed on external advisory work to focus on core statutory responsibilities.4) Food Scraps Programme- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect funds to essential services where impact is demonstrable.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs- Freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs. An immediate saving of at least $17 million would be achieved by not filling non-critical positions.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending- Cut Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) department funded at about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget framing- If needed cap average residential rate increases at 3% by implementing the above savings in personnel consultants vendor contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions as a condition of any rate increase and provide clear reporting on where savings will be achieved and how essential services will be protected.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8079,338118,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. The rate rise is far above inflation and past growth and must be capped through disciplined cost reduction.Key facts underpinning my position:- Proposed average residential rates increase: 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). This is excessive given that the current average bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 have been 30% (in 2022 dollars) against 12% cumulative inflation.- The rate rise breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Combined this highlights spending pressures driving the increase.- Council spending patterns are unsustainable: $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with average consultant pay around $200k; payroll and related expenses have grown faster than inflation; direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013“2023 versus 29% inflation.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new spending (about 2%) enabling a 3% rates rise cap. This would be achieved by freezing non-essential hires ($50m) capping consultancy spend ($50m) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30m) and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants ($20m).Agreed positions:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential increase.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce

consultancy and professional services spending.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36m/year) which costs more in emissions than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17m.- Cut Māori-specific spending (Ngā Mātārae) of around $10m/year given this is not a core local-government role.Additional observations: the public deserves responsible stewardship and openness on how ratepayer funds are used; excessive rate rises risk triggering a rates revolt. Staff and consultant costs in Auckland compare unfavourably with comparable cities.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

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

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8101,338096,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a decisive reversal toward reduced Council spending and lower rate increases.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. It equates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a current average residential rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by about 30% in real terms while overall inflation has run around 12%. The ratepayers cannot be asked to fund continuing cost growth at this pace.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This structure compounds ratepayer burden without delivering commensurate demonstrable gains in essential services.- Wasteful spending must be tackled first. The Council spends heavily on consultants (approximately $126 million per year across the Council group; roughly $60 million by the Auckland Council parent) with average consultants earning about $200k. In addition personnel costs and other expenses have grown faster than inflation and payroll sits at about $1.3 billion.- The Council should act on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increase to around 3% through: - Reducing personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles (potentially saving at least $50 million). - Capping spending on consultants (about $50 million). - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million). - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).- Specific disallowed spends should be considered: cancel the Food Scraps Programme (£$36 million/year) due to its carbon impact not offset by savings and freeze or trim Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year for Ngā Mātārae which I believe is not a core local-government function.ConclusionA prudent adjustment away from a 7.9% increase supported by the proposed $150 million annual savings would maintain essential services while restoring public trust in Council stewardship.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8111,338086,,Rodney,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge Council to prioritise substantial reductions in wasteful expenditure and a more prudent outcome-focused budget.Key concerns and positions:- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive in real terms. Since 2022 residential rates have risen about 30% in real terms while inflation has been around 12%. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This cannot be justified without demonstrable efficiency gains and measurable service improvements.- Immediate savings must come from reducing corporate and backroom spending and curbing consultancy and professional services. The Alliance indicates Council spends about $126 million annually on consultants across the group with $60 million by the Auckland Council parent and an average consultant pay around $200k.- Wasteful programmes must be reviewed. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costing about $36 million per year) as it emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or radically reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million right away.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae/Māori Outcomes programme (about $10 million per year) which I believe is not a core local government function.- The Alliance's alternative budget approachreducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%)should be seriously considered to cap rates growth to around 3%. This includes personnel cost controls capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.- Outlying ratepayers should not subsidise central rail development if our own area is neglected.Additional point:I am concerned that funds allocated to central rail projects continue to be prioritised over local service levels effectively shifting costs onto ratepayers who are already stretched.In summary I urge Auckland Council to reject the 7.9% increase and adopt a disciplined savings-first budget that reduces payroll consultants and discretionary programmes while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8119,338078,,Rodney,Do not support most,I submit this response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and request a constructive evidence-based path to lower rate rises while preserving essential services.Key concerns and positions:1) Rate increase appropriateness. The proposal implies a 7.9% average rise (about $320 for the typical household) at a time when the Council's operating costs have grown well ahead of inflation. The 2022“2025 period shows personnel costs and 'other expenses' rising at twice the rate of inflation with direct operating expenditure up 78% between 2013 and 2023. A rates increase should be justified against such cost growth and limited to ensure affordability.2) Wasteful spending reductions. The Council should stabilise or reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Annual consultant spend is about $126 million across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many consultants earning around $200k. A targeted reduction here would help cap rate increases.3) Specific programme and payroll reforms. The Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; it should be cancelled. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1) Position and rationale- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent far exceeding cumulative inflation (12 percent). A more cautious inflation-aligned approach is warranted.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The current figures show substantial growth in personnel costs and external advisory spend that does not appear aligned with essential service delivery.2) Specific expenditure reductions aligned with

the submitter's positions- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on the rates increase) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.3) Practical funding reallocation- Target reductions: $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that the Council consider these savings as essential to bringing rates increases in line with inflation and to restore value for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a formal and respectful manner to express opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase and to advocate for restraint in Council spending so that essential services are protected and ratepayers are treated fairly.Key points- The Alliance's analysis shows a proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase with about $320 more per household is disproportionate given the scale of past increases and ongoing inflation. The Council should instead aim to cap rate increases through sensible expenditure controls.- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reducing the spend

on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advice and admin overhead is excessive for a council of Auckland's size.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. Reallocating those funds to essential services would benefit ratepayers.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately and contribute to a more prudent budget.- I support cutting Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.Alternative budget and concrete savings- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3 percent. This would be achieved by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionRationale- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. A more disciplined approach to spending is required to restore balance for ratepayers and sustain core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a clear focus on reducing wasteful and non-essential Council spending before any further rate rises are considered.Key factual context- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 for the average household in a rate bill currently about $4069. Since 2022 real rate increases have averaged 30% (vs. 12% inflation) underscoring the need for restraint.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This composition highlights why a spending reset is warranted before rate rises are accepted as a given.Positions I want considered- Oppose the 7.9%

average increase and instead pursue a restrained path aligned with inflation or below.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continual growth in these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; such action could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that it is not a municipal obligation of local government.- The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: target a cap on rate increases at around 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) prioritising essential statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional point- Rates rise is too much at this time. Get your spending in order.Request for considerationI urge the Council to adopt the above expenditure reductions and present a revised budget that places rate affordability first with a transparent link between savings and any rate adjustment.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars well above inflation. A 7.9% rise is unacceptable and burdens households already squeezed by rising costs.I agree with the need to curb waste and improve efficiency. Specifically:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and press for restraint.2) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current spend on six-figure salaries consultants and multiple support functions is excessive and not aligned with ratepayer interests.3) The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and

professional services rather than continue to increase these items. Auckland Council spends roughly $126 million per year on consultants across the group with the average consultant earning about $200k a clear target for savings.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Maori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government core function.Given these points I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate increase to around 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional points: just cut the spendingthis is what you were elected for. The people of Auckland deserve financial discipline not further rate hikes funded by wasteful backroom costs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a disciplined evidence-based reprioritisation of council spend to protect households from real terms rate rises well above inflation.Key points:- The 7.9% increase is breakdowned as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%far outpacing inflation and population growth. This trajectory is unsustainable for households.- The Council should reduce spend on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services instead of continuing to lift these expense

items.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme at about $36 million per year which in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I contend is not a core local government function.Alternative budget proposal:Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (approximately 2%) cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% and fund essential services from efficiency gains alone. Specific avenues include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: about $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: about $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: about $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: about $20 millionThese measures align with the objective of limiting rates growth while preserving core services. The evidence base highlights that direct operating expenditure increased markedly and that a significant portion of payroll and external contracts absorb much more than inflation.I seek to speak at hearings to present these points in more detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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

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Local Board: Rodney

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a strong direct respectful manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for substantial cost reductions in Council spending.1) Rates increase and spending integrity- The proposed 7.9% average rise equates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a recent 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars). This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and does not reflect restraint in the face of current cost pressures.- Rates have risen 85% since the Super City amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth. The Council must demonstrate restraint and focus on essential services first.2) Wasteful and bloated

backroom costs- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultants and professional services rather than continuing to expand these lines.- Personnel costs are unsustainably high: thousands of staff on six-figure salaries with substantial growth under current leadership. Direct operating and payroll costs have outpaced inflation while staff and contractor expenditures remain excessive.3) Concrete savings and alternative budgeting- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies a move that in isolation could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and renegotiate contracts; consolidate vendors where possible to achieve meaningful savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ensuring every dollar serves core community needs.4) Specific disbursement concerns- I support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) arguing that local government should prioritise core services and avoid duplicative roles.Overall I advocate for limiting the average residential rate rise to around 3% by implementing the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) and apply targeted cost controls as described above.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8174

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Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit this formal objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a program of expenditure restraint to prevent wasteful spending being passed on to ratepayers.I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. With the current average rates bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent (well above 12 percent inflation) these increases are not affordable or sustainable for households. The proposed split shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs plus 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets compounding the burden on ratepayers while raising questions about value for money.I

urge the Council to implement meaningful spending reductions across the organisation. Specific measures include:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential vacancies and slowing hiring which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services; reduce reliance on external advisers and renegotiate contracts to lower costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in our assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Cap and prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary grants ensuring ratepayer funds are focused on core duties.In addition I request a reduction in Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed as a function of local government with a shift toward essential services rather than ethnicity-targeted programmes.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's alternative budget shows potential to cap rate increases at around 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by about $150 million through these measures. Such restraint would better align rates with inflation and household capacity while preserving core municipal functions.I would like to be heard at hearings to present these concerns in more detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the advertised average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to around $320 for the average household and I urge Council to cap rate increases closer to inflation or lower.Key grounds for opposition- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive when set against the Council's own cost drivers. The rate rise includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs on top of ongoing asset maintenance and new asset growth. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%well above inflation and population growthundermining affordability for households.- Wasteful spending must be addressed. Council and CCO expenditure on consultants totals $126 million per year with the

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and a call to reduce wasteful Council spending. The current rates burden households already facing cost pressures and a rise well above inflation is not justified by core service delivery.Key concerns and requests:1) Rate increase: I oppose an average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. The proposed increase translates to about $320 extra per household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 in rates in today's dollars far exceeding inflation. I urge the Council to cap the increase at or near 3 percent consistent with prudent budgeting and updates from ratepayer groups.2) Wasteful

expenditure and backroom spending: The Alliance highlights substantial spend on consultants ($126 million annually) and corporate/office functions ($868.4 million across 18 functions) with payroll costs at $1.3 billion. I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions and capping consultancy spending to protect essential services.3) Staffing and payroll: I support freezing non-essential hires and reducing payroll costs including not filling vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance estimates could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Specific program reductions: I support cancelling non-essential programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year with questionable carbon savings). I also support reducing Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department funded at about $10 million/year if this is not a statutory local government obligation.5) Prioritisation: I urge prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-essential projects. A targeted reallocation of funds toward core services will better serve ratepayers.The overspending appears to be in every nook and cranny of the Council. E.G. I have a library card. I use the card to borrow books from the library. I do not need several very fancy regular emails about events etc connected to the library. Please offer library services and do not employ people to organise unnecessary events and write fancy emails.I have a dog. I pay my dog reg each year. This year I started receiving emails about dogs and pets and all sorts of fluffy nonsense. Someone is being paid to produce this unnecessary fluff. These are just two areas of waste that need to be dealt with. But the waste is endemic throughout the Council. And it needs to be dealt with.STOP THE WASTE.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Rodney

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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Do not support most

Tell us why

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N/A

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N/A

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