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Howick Local Board

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Tell us why

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Why is it that rates water included increase higher than CPI? I appreciate that we need to spend capital to upgrade but I don't see anywhere where money is being saved to balance this?

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Only what has been stated above,more savings and less increases

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To much spent on Cycke ways never used

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very supportive of any activity that strengthen our communities and surrounding environments.

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They are all of equal importance as they are all connected in the building of strong communities that will thrive within a clean healthy environment.

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Tell us why

Whoever uses it, pays the bill. I won't use CRL, so I won't pay an extra penny in property tax!The reason why the cost of living in Auckland is so high is that the Council is insatiably raising all kinds of taxes!As long as the Council doesn't lower taxes, the economy of Auckland will never improve!

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Apart from raising taxes and increasing fees, do you have anything else to say?Apart from demanding money from the citizens, can you do anything else?Do you think the citizens will tolerate your greed indefinitely? Don't dream about it!

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Tell us why

As a resident of HOWICK, I haven't been to the city center for many years and haven't planned to use CRL either. So it has nothing to do with me, nor does it have anything to do with my property tax. Don't include me in it!

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Do not support

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Support

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

Apart from crime prevention, all the other projects are just wasteful spending of money with no practical effect.

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Do you, the COUNCIL, think that citizens' income is unlimited? No matter how outrageous the plans you come up with are, will the citizens actually pay you? Do you think you are irreplaceable? Do you still think that citizens have no way out except to be exploited by you? The consequence of your actions is that more and more citizens are refusing to pay property taxes to you, leaving you with nothing to do. Is this what you wanted?

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An increase of rates from $7,159 to $7727 is a joke! Rates need to be kept to the rate of inflation; I agree with central government that council rates need to be capped to stop your out-of-control spending. Wayne Brown wasn't voted in because all Auckland agree with what he is doing, we didn't have much to choose from and was the best of the bunch from a poor selection! We are not your cash machine; we will not be able to retire in this city as you will rate us out of it!

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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Keep rates increase in line with inflation! You shouldn't be proud that you kept it as low as 7.9% in your minds, it's a joke!

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Better infrastructure to cope with the infill housing. You need to build infrastructure first to ensure it can handle growth not the other way around. Beachland has 30,000 homes to build and the roads and infrastructure are already poor and there are no real plans communicated to make it any better.

Question 6: City centre

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Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

that proposed rates increase is too much

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The bin collection that we have now works well. Why waste money towards a campaign for a new systems that will just encourage dumping and then ends up costing the rate payers more. Do not increase residential parking permit fees. It should be a persons right to park outside their property so this is not equitable at all.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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Support

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

Support

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Why are such projects approved where massive cost increases are passes straight to the rate payer?

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick,Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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Tell us why

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Support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing and other pressures, we must address an increase in the cost of delivering existing services within its current funding. To balance the budget, we are considering a Local Services Targeted Rate, changes to service levels or fees, or a combination of both approaches. We could introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate of $1.1 million capital value based rate charged to all properties (this would be around $27 based on average value urban residential property in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area) to cover the increased cost of delivering existing services. What do you think about this option?

Support

3. We could adjust some service levels, fees and charges. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduce maintenance - Stop scheduled bollard and post-and-rail maintenance, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except High Value/Ecological), change garden edging to chemical application, cease infill planting and mulching in amenity gardens and reclassify re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Do not support

B. Reduce library hours: Ōtara Library, reduction of 4 hours per week; Papatoetoe Library, reduction of 2 hours per week; Tupu Youth Library, reduction of 5 hours per week; Manukau Library, reduction to a 6-day service, close on Sundays.

Support

C. Reduce discretionary spending on community grants, community and/or environment projects.

Support

D. Increase to fees for "Plus" (spa, sauna, and steam room entry) services by $1 at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).

Support

E. Charge adult visitors from outside the local board area at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).

Do not support

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

4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?

A combination of a Local Service Targeted Rate and reductions to current service levels and/or increases to fees and charges

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I don't know

Tell us why

Why I Support MostThe plan maintains a consistent long-term direction by continuing the priorities set in the 2024–2034 LTP — particularly investment in transport, water infrastructure, city centre improvements, and local board capability. The council plans to invest $3.9 billion in infrastructure and $5.3 billion in services, helping Auckland keep pace with growth and improve resilience after recent climate events. These investments are substantial and clearly linked to region-wide needs such as transport reform, flood mitigation, water network upgrades, and regeneration projects. The document also shows strong financial discipline through a significant $106 million savings target

and an emphasis on reducing waste and increasing efficiency across the council group. A key strength is the transparency around the 7.9% rates increase. The council clearly explains that the primary driver is the $235 million annual cost of operating the City Rail Link (CRL) — mostly interest and depreciation — and that this increase was already signalled in the LTP. The plan demonstrates that without internal savings, the rates increase would have been even higher. This honesty, along with the detailed breakdown of where the money goes, supports trust in the process and gives ratepayers confidence that costs are being managed responsibly. However, I cannot fully support the plan because many local boards face unavoidable cost pressures that will reduce frontline service levels. Several boards signal possible cuts to library hours, reduced maintenance in parks and open spaces, reduced community grants, and increased fees for pools and leisure facilities. Some boards — particularly Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Ōtara-Papatoetoe — may require new targeted rates simply to maintain current service levels. These issues highlight structural inequities that have not yet been fully resolved, and they will affect communities already experiencing hardship. While the "fairer funding" model is a positive step, its benefits are uneven in the short term. The other area of caution is that the council acknowledges ongoing financial risks, including inflation, storm events, and economic shifts. In a worst-case scenario, the plan may require further adjustments later in the year, including potential additional rates increases of 1–2%. Although the plan is stable, it remains vulnerable to external conditions, and this limits confidence in its long-term affordability.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Refuse bin/bag exchange fee ($40) — Support, with equity safeguardsWhat Auckland proposes. A flat $40 fee to swap between refuse bin sizes or bags (including changes between bag pack capacities). This is a sensible, cost-recovery measure that discourages repeated size-switching and nudges households to "right-size" once, rather than frequently. To keep it fair, I'd add one fee waiver per household after major life changes (new baby, mobility needs, downsizing) and a hardship waiver for low-income households. Adding a one-off waiver and a hardship provision would keep it equitable while keeping frequent changes in check.Residential parking permits (AT proposal). If fees rise, adopt tiered pricing (first permit affordable; steeper charges for second/third), and ring-fence revenue to enforcement and local access upgrades in the affected areas; report annually on outcomes. Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme (WRSS). If the scheme is ended in June 2027, adopt a managed transition: a council-endorsed panel of pump-out providers with transparent pricing, a risk-based inspection and education programme, and hardship support for low-income households. If retained, consult on the indicative $430–$520 target rate with a clear service-level guarantee.

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

Papakura

Papakura Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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

A. Reduce library hours on Mondays and Fridays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.

Do not support

B. Reduce library hours on Saturdays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.

Do not support

C. Reduce selected maintenance: Stop bollard and post-and–rail maintenance in parks, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except high value/ecological).

Do not support

D. Charge a higher fee for visitors outside the Auckland region who visit Massey Park Pool.

Do not support

E. Reduce or discontinue grant funding.

I don’t know

F. Reduce the numbers of public rubbish bins in public spaces such as town centres, parks and reserves.

Do not support

G. Reduce or discontinue some arts and culture activities.

Support

H. Reduce or discontinue some services and programmes in arts facilities and community centres.

Support

I. Reduce or discontinue some community development and support activities.

Do not support

J. Reduce or discontinue some environmental and water quality activities.

Support

K. Reduce or discontinue civic events.

Support

L. Reduce or discontinue sports and park activation activities.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Here are my other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027. I'm broadly supportive of the plan's direction, but the following practical commitments would improve delivery confidence, equity, and transparency:CRL go-live: publish a Readiness & Impact Dashboard. Include weekly ridership targets, station uptime, peak crowding, and an opex tracker against the $235m p.a. ownership/operating cost; add downside scenarios if ridership underperforms in the first year. Affordability guardrails. Expand hardship tools and clearly state that any over-achievement on the $106m savings target will be used to soften future rates paths—important given the plan notes a worst-case extra 1–2% rates risk if macro conditions deteriorate.Local board minimum service floors. Where boards signal cuts (e.g., library hours, grants, and park maintenance), require an equity impact statement, published alternatives, and a minimum service floor so communities don't experience sudden step-downs while the 'fairer funding' uplift (+$15m in 2026/27) beds in. Residential parking permits (AT proposal). If fees rise, adopt tiered pricing (first permit affordable; steeper charges for second/third), and ring-fence revenue to enforcement and local access upgrades in the affected areas; report annually on outcomes. Refuse bin/bag swap fee. Support the new $40 exchange fee but offer one free swap per household within six months of moving or after a council-initiated service change, plus hardship waivers; publish plain-English guidance on when the fee applies. Flood resilience acceleration. Bring forward deliverables in Making Space for Water/blue-green networks and report the households protected and flood depth reduction per sub-catchment, not just budgeted spend, to make benefits tangible. Auckland Future Fund

transparency. Provide quarterly performance updates versus the 7.24% long-run return objective, including fees, benchmarks, and how distributions reduce reliance on general rates. Value for Money pipeline. Publish a line-by-line tracker of the $106m savings initiatives (owner, milestone, benefits, risks) with quarterly public updates to build confidence in delivery. City centre focus. Prioritise safety, events activation, and station-area public realm improvements linked to the CRL opening and the City Centre Masterplan refresh; report on footfall and dwell-time trends alongside place-making spend. Stronger public engagement. Continue translated summaries, NZSL videos, webinars, and community events, and publish a participation dashboard (who engaged, how, and what changed). Keep reminding people of the 29 March 2026 deadline and the online and postal options. Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme (WRSS). If the scheme is ended in June 2027, adopt a managed transition: a council-endorsed panel of pump-out providers with transparent pricing, a risk-based inspection and education programme, and hardship support for low-income households. If retained, consult on the indicative $430–$520 target rate with a clear service-level guarantee. Mid-year performance check-in. Commit to a public mid-year update (Jan–Feb 2027) on: CRL performance, savings delivery, flood projects, local board service outcomes, and rates trajectory relative to the LTP.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I am a pensioner and my rates have gone from $6300 to proposed $7900 in 4 years. My house is in a trust name so I can't get any relief. My benefit is $29000 per year. You are forcing me out of my house

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Rates not happy

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Howick

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I don’t use most of them however there should be a personal tax per Auckland resident between 24 - 65

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

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Crime and good quality water is important. We pay water fees privately. And crime should be funded by govt. People from 65 up should be. Discountef

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Dont agree with the refuse exchange fee as this will result in more fly tipping and litter.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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

Support

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Support

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Support

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Reintroduce requirement for all new residences to at least have one off street car park space.

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Item 5Advocacy groups are not required.....just replace the scared and spineless judges and magistrates with others that hand down tough sentencing, and appoint police officers with high integrity and intelligence and common sense (the current lot are a joke)

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I don't know

Tell us why

The plan and options don't seem to offer anything exciting. A major issue in this board area is traffic density, and lack of fast rapid transport, particularly for areas such as Howick, Mellons Bay, Bucklands Beach, Botany Downs, Shelly park Somerville, etc, .

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Support

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I don’t know

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I don’t know

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I don’t know

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Do not support

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

Most of these are vague, they don't seem to have an end goal or defined purpose

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Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Other (please specify):Reduce dependency and help decongest City Center by encouraging economic hubs in far east, far south, far north and far west

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I dont want any more fees added to my rates at all.

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Tell us why

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Support

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Expenditure should be tailored to suit the budget. Simply raising rates is problematic. The rates should be capped at inflation only.Auckland Transport makes terrible decisions and should be rained in.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Council must reduce services to reflect the budget not just raise rates as it wants.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Very wishy washy goals and intentions. To much consultation. Reduce covered playing areas. Ensure core duties are covered such as emptying bins

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

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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Support

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

Do not support

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

Lets concentrate on delivering core functions first within budget and then look after the environment before any nice to have ideas

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Stick to core functions of council and stay within budget or reduce services to keep the rates increase to inflation.

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Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Reduce high density housing development in the Howick area. We are almost rural and do not need character destroying in-fill and low quality housing development. The council must have ultimate say in approving any further development

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Why should there be a increaase in residential parking permit. residences are already paying a high council / city rate in those areas

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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Flood resilience and Transport

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Support

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

These are all critically important (particularly around crime prevention). But further work is needed to investigate the design of new builds throughout Auckland.

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Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

Overall good things being focused on, avoiding pet projects. Hope that the rates increase is only 7.9% and not 7.9% + CPI. Also hope that rezoned residential areas will not suddenly have a jump in rates due to rezoning which they had no say in.

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Does not affect me, but would say that residential parking permits fee increases should be minimal if they are simply parking in their own residential area.

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

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Tell us why

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Support

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

All of it encourages and builds a better community, the focus fits well with this part of Auckland.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Residential parking fees will force residents to park randomly over property, including berms and driveways and increase the safety risk for all - I don't support this

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Tell us why

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Given the constraints on Budgets i do not see items 2 , 3 or 6 as priorities and would prefer focus on the others

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The overall Rates rise is directly linked to the New rail platform, assuming cost of operations and what looks like amortization of capital items. I dont agree with banking ahead due to possible deflation.Also thier is no mention of expected revenue to offset the costs, given this will bring economic benefits etc - why not?

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Support

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I don’t know

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Do not support

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NO to a refuse bin bag exchange fee. Too many fees is silly. Keep it simple.

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Support most

Tell us why

BUT traffic congestion in peak times is crazy. Make sure the Government keeps a good control on immigration numbers. Our infrastructure cannot handle more people.

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Support

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Support

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Our rates keep going up and this seem mainly to fund transport like busses and trains which a lot of people don't use so why should we pay for it, It should be user pays not all pay.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

This is ridiculous that we should have to be hit with a 7.9% increase, The only one I think is worth the spend is the sewerage scheme the others are a waste of our money.Evidently council has too much time on their hands if they can sit and think of ways to waste money.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Do we need more parks? as more parks add more cost in maintenance, Did we need a bus lane in Pakuranga ?

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Do not support

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

Do not support

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Support

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We need to stop the waste our money on stupid projects like sign posts in Maori, we speak English in this country and minority understand the signs and comms to us in English only please.Time to change the council.

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Tell us why

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Why should residents of other suburbs have to pay for the improvement of suburbs we don't live in or visit? Why is everything focussed on improving the central suburbs and not the others. They should pay for the improvements made to their own neighbour and likewise for us if there were any improvements to ours but there isnt so we shouldnt have to pay this how is this fair?

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Support

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I don’t know

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Start building houses with garages so people can park off the roads. Cars will not be reduced because our public transport is a joke !

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Good priorities

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Rubbush

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Will fair wear and tear be taken into consideration when it comes to bin/bag exchanges.Will lack of off street parking due to developers not providing this in new builds be taken into consideration re parking permits

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Only A couple relate to our area

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

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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

Support

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

I don't know

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

Regarding Ecological Volunteering Why is the local community shut out and not involved in the schemes relating to their area also unable too voice suggestions

Question 4: Other feedback

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Sorting Out Developers who don't plan in to their developments off street parking. Flood resilienceImproving Ferry timetables

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If rates are going up why are we paying extra for refuse

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Do not support

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Other

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

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Support most

Tell us why

Infrastructure needs to be improved,

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Most of these changes don't affect me, but I would not be happy with most, if they did.

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Support most

Tell us why

Most of the goals are worthy, however, the one omission would be the return of an appropriate number of rubbish bins in places like Lloyd Elsmore Park. We have recently toured through the South Island and been impressed with the cleanliness of many even small towns, who prioritize having numerous public bins, rather than the alternatives - visible rubbish and council staff having to clean it up! To me, Auckland's approach is short sighted and would not result in the savings that council tells ratepayers it does. Rubbish is rubbish and it has to go somewhere, and eventually, the council collects it, wherever and however they have to.

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Other

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Support

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Support

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Support

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

I support all to some degree, but have other priorities that would be included.

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Core services and leave the fancy stuff to private enterprise.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Yet more costs with very little benefit to rate payers. Just looks like another form of tax.

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Howick Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Do not support

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A lot of exploring and identifying activities and not a lot of doing activities. We want to see actual results for our money.

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Push back on over intensification of housing and a focus on improving water and service infrastructure.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

What else is our rates going on if its not for rubbish, water (oh wait, we don't pay for water through our rates) .... actually come to think of it.. what are our rates being spent on. Perhaps ELECTED council needs to open the books publicly.Elected council members should be looking to reduce the numbers on staff in council - by 7.9% that might go someway to keeping the books looking good and reduce the increase to everyday Aucklanders.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Papakura

Papakura Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

I think - like every year, it seems more people, more rates revenue for more houses, we keep getting our services cut, but more money is being fed into council. 30/40 years ago all these services were funded by less people, less houses, and less rates revenue.. where is the money going.... honestly - more people and more houses should reduce rates - and my god in this area, you are not paying for water reticulation its managed by Veolia - so where honestly is the rates money going... can anyone explain it publicly to elected councilors because none of this makes any sense to me.

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

A. Reduce library hours on Mondays and Fridays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.

Support

B. Reduce library hours on Saturdays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.

Support

C. Reduce selected maintenance: Stop bollard and post-and-rail maintenance in parks, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except high value/ecological).

Do not support

D. Charge a higher fee for visitors outside the Auckland region who visit Massey Park Pool.

Support

E. Reduce or discontinue grant funding.

Other

F. Reduce the numbers of public rubbish bins in public spaces such as town centres, parks and reserves.

Do not support

G. Reduce or discontinue some arts and culture activities.

Do not support

H. Reduce or discontinue some services and programmes in arts facilities and community centres.

Do not support

I. Reduce or discontinue some community development and support activities.

Do not support

J. Reduce or discontinue some environmental and water quality activities.

Do not support

K. Reduce or discontinue civic events.

Do not support

L. Reduce or discontinue sports and park activation activities.

Do not support

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

reduce the number of public rubbish bins inpublic spaces such as town centres, parks andreservesHow does that save money - whats going to happen - is you still have people collecting it, so you are paying their wages - or are they contractors so you are over paying the contracting company who is paying the person collecting minimum wage... People will just dump on the streets

- costing more because someone else is going to have to go and collect it - but you already got someone collecting, so you need to provide evidence this saves money by reducing the bins.... and evidence it will not increase littering and other things. reduce or discontinue funding for: arts andculture activities, services and programmesin arts facilities and community centres,community development and support activities,environmental and water quality activities, civicevents and, sports and park activation activitiesIf our rates are going towards anything, perhaps it should be going to these things and less to the management and council staff.. you know the things that bring joy and entertainment to the general public - council staff and management do none of this - what is the staffing budget anyway - let the elected council open the books publicly and show us where the rates money is actually going.. Aucklands population has skyrocketed over the last 30 years... and with less people 30 years ago these services were well funded, so why now do we seem to have less services, paying more and have a greater population to pool rates from.. Where is this money going?

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Your ideas are outdated and repetitive. Look at NZ Post—hardly anyone is using the postal system, so what do they do? Raise the cost of stamps. Auckland Council—let's hire more managers to figure out where our money is going.Instead, let's stop employing extra managers and cultural liaisons, and focus on the core council activities that truly support and benefit the whole community—not just small groups, or people based on where they were born or their ancestry.We all poop. We all pee. We all go to the parks. We all generate rubbish. We all drink water. Core services are for everyone.

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

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

We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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1	**Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

The Core services - and if you need to ask what they are - perhaps council management need to look for alternate employment - but let me do the job for you just incase your a manager who does not understand. Drinking water supply and safetySewage collection and treatmentStormwater/flood managementWaste collection and disposalStreet lightingEmergency planning and civil defenseSanitation and public toiletsKeeping public parks, playgrounds, and open spaces clean and safeLand use planning to protect essential servicesLibraries or information centers that everyone can accessCommunity centers for public use

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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#598

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Local Board: Howick

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The rate is increased too much!!! We cannot afford it.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Totally do not support!! Increased too much! I'm leaving NZ

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

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

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Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Cost of living is already so high. Auckland council is encouraging home ownership to sell and move to other parts of world by making Auckland totally in affordable

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Totally unfair

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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

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

I don’t know

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Rates increase is the last thing Aucklanders want as we have already gone through some in the past few years. People are losing their jobs and the economy is going down and you guys are increasing the rates by 7.9%, are you guys serious. Reduce the pay scales of your top and middle management to fund these useless projects.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Tell us why

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

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Support

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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

Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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Try and sustain what we already have, don't always rip off the public for funding your useless projects

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

N/A

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

Support all

Tell us why

Waste water is a major problem whenever it rains and there is a spill into the sea. Transport is essential to give commuters options instead of driving. Traffic is a problem without viable alternatives.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

AS long as the proposals benefit the wider community now and into the future increases are OK.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

The new busway for East Auckland will help ease traffic congestion.

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

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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

Support

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

We need to have quality water and erosion is an area that should be addressed. Erosion affects us all not only people living in the area

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I would like to think that councils are continually assessing flood risks and addressing storm water solutions.

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

Storm water solutions so individual households don't suffer. With climate change we are seeing more and more storm events.

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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

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

None of these "initiatives " are core functions - once again - pull your purse strings in, tighten your belts, like all your ratepayers are having to do, and spend less !

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Disappointing how you don't seem to be able to separate core services and maintaince from other options. Please cut back on non core services. Core services are - roads, water, parks, long term infrastructure and maintenance of existing assets - nothing else !

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Support most

Tell us why

Yes water and transport need to keep up with society and environmental need as we move forward.Where I live in east Auckland there is no access to trains, I think we must be the last part of the city that is still cut off. From my home it will require multiple buses to get to a train station so public transport is not an option. This is a real shame.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I have no issue with these.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

We need further development, particularly recreation spaces. The local league club is run down and has no visible investment put into it. How do you attract people when the place is hanging on by a thread. Most of the other league clubs have very fancy new clubs, changing spaces etc and they see huge numbers of registrations.

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

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Support

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

In reference to number 6: There is a lot of bush area that has just been left for many years and the pest plants are rife, people are unaware of most of them and they grow freely in the bush and in people's gardens. Privet in particular is rife and spreading rapidly.Advertise local grants so that you don't need to waste money on seminars.Not sure about why Flat Bush needs more sports facilities, but don't neglect the existing ones such as the Howick league club. There has been no investment in that for the last decade or more. If you don't maintain and upgrade when needed you are losing a key community asset in favour of spending a fortune on new ones elsewhere.

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I understand there is plan 120 regarding housing. Where I live in Shelly Park I am in a single house zone, it makes no sense, the houses and streets are of no significance, yet some like mine have huge plots that can't be developed due to the current zoning. I would happily change to mixed as I likely could fit 5 homes on my plot rather than the old decrepit one that is currently there.It has been well discussed that rates can't continue to go up as peoples salaries do not go up at the same rate and the increases are making it more and more unaffordable to live in Auckland. Having personally witnessed council operations and decisions it is clear that there is still significant lack of frugalism when it comes to spending. Road projects being thrown around so as to hang on to funding for the following year, staff not dealing with complaints until they absolutely have to, wasting money on unnecesary prosecution attempts, red tape and run around all contribute to unnecessary spending.How are you using AI to advance and streamline? are you looking at expenditure costs regularly, including unnecessary travel to meetings that can be done online. No wonder people get frustrated. Business owners have to focus on efficiency and slim margins and so should the council.

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Wastewater, housing, flooding.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I totally agree the water, transport need to be update. However, the city rail link doesnt help us a lot. And public transport fee going up every yrs. We cannot afford it. The government shouldn't raise the rate too much expecially for this economy low yrs, everyone are struggling. What about reduce the Tax?

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Too much. Ppls are struggling. Rich ppl will leave NZ. This is not the good idea to gain the money to do the ridiculous transport.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Howick,Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Support

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering a Local Services Targeted Rate, changes to service levels or fees, or a combination of both approaches. We could introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate of $47.11 (GST inclusive) per Separately Used or Inhabited Part per annum on all rateable properties except those categorised as zero-rated in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area ($0.91 cent per week) to cover the increased cost of delivering existing services. What do you think about this proposal?

Do not support

3. We could adjust some service levels, fees and charges. What do you think about the proposed changes?

A. Reduce library hours - reduce hours at our four libraries as needed, without going below the regional minimum service level of 44 hours over 6 days at each library.

Do not support

B. Reduce maintenance - Stop scheduled bollard and post-and-rail maintenance, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except High Value/Ecological), change garden edging to chemical application, cease infill planting and mulching in amenity gardens and reclassify re-vegetation areas to bush areas.

Support

C. Reduce discretionary funding for Community Wellbeing programmes and services, Environment Management programmes and services and community grants.

Support

D. Increase pools and leisure fees - Increase fees and charges by $1 for "Plus" services at Moana-Nui-ā-Kiwa Pool and Leisure Centre.

Support

E. Charge adult visitors from outside the local board area at Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa Pool and Leisure Centre and Ōtāhuhu Pool and Leisure Centre (Toia).

Support

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

4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?

Reduce current service levels and/or increase fees and charges for those services

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Do not increase the rate to 7.9 percent

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Do not support any

Tell us why

I'm a New Zealand citizen, middle-class worker, living in Auckland. The increase in living costs is unacceptable and insane. Stop increasing all the rates/electricity bills/water bills/etc. Have a look at how people are struggling to make a living! You guys are just robbing taxpayers' hard-earned money to subsidize those who rely on government support. What a joke this is. Instead of wasting money on all the unnecessary 'upgrades' that do not do any better to the residents, do something that is ACTUALLY USEFUL! Getting sick of this.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

STOP FUCKING INCREASING ALL THE LIVING COSTS. THE PROPOSED PROJECTS ARE JUST WAYS FOR YOUR POLITICIANS TO GAIN PERSONNAL BENEFITS RATHER THAN DOING SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden,Howick,Ōrākei

Albert-Eden Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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

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Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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Support

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

Do not support

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

Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

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

A. Increase community-use sports fields provision either through redevelopment or expansion of our asset portfolio to address the forecasted move of Auckland Cricket into Colin Maiden Park and other demands on our sports fields.

Do not support

B. Increasing investment in restoration and pest-management programmes to grow and protect your natural environment. Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Ōrākei.

Do not support

C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.

Do not support

D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

Other (please specify):PROVIDE MORE SPACE FOR CAR DRIVERS TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT TRAFFIC CHAOS

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I am writing to formally express my dissatisfaction with the current management and performance of your organization. As a ratepayer and taxpayer, I am concerned about the increasing rates and charges, which place an undue financial burden on hardworking individuals.I believe there has been a significant failure in strategic planning and the efficient use of public funds. Specifically, I would like to highlight the following issues:- Queen Street: The closure of Queen Street to traffic has negatively impacted local businesses.- Infrastructure Projects: The Pakuranga flyover has resulted in increased congestion, with traffic now frequently backed up from Mt Wellington.- Public

Transport: Despite the creation of new bus lanes, travel times remain inefficient, often exceeding one hour from Howick to Auckland City or Newmarket.It is difficult to identify any recent initiatives that have been completed successfully without causing further complications. I request that you review these operational failures and prioritize more effective management of our resources.If the current leadership is unable to deliver tangible improvements, I believe it is necessary to consider alternative management that can better serve the community.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Regarding the changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas and the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme, I wish to express my concerns regarding fiscal responsibility. There is a perception that these projects lack a track record of successful completion and prioritize spending over efficient delivery.Regarding the Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees, I suggest that if the objective is to recover management costs, the fees should be removed entirely to eliminate the associated administrative overhead.Furthermore, I am opposed to the introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee. Previous initiatives, such as the distribution of small scrap bins, appear to have been underutilized and an ineffective use of funds.I request that the organization reconsider these financial requests and focus on practical, cost-effective solutions that reflect the reality of the community’s needs.

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Do not support

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I believe it is time to stop focusing on large-scale projects and instead hand those responsibilities over to the Government. From my perspective, it would be more than enough if your organization focused exclusively on essential local maintenance.Specifically, I urge you to ensure that potholes are fixed, bins are removed on time, parks are kept clean, and lawns are regularly mowed. Consistently managing these core services is what is most needed at this time.

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Support most

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My granddaughter lives in Cockle Bay and attends EGGS high school. The distance is 19 km and yet it takes her 2 buses and 2 hours to get home. There is no viable train option and most days buses don't stop as they are full. What exactly have you planned that will stop this being a ludicrous situation? And when?

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

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Do not support

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Support most

Tell us why

A rates increase of 7.9 percent usually is about 9.0 percent, as my own rates bill from last year attests to.Cut out a few consultants fees, limit Council Manager salaries to their current big salaries and don't continue to replace Managers, if they're a cost, not a benefit.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase amounts to about $320 extra for the average household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This pattern signals a return to cost escalation rather than value-for-money.- Wasteful and unnecessary

expenditure dominates the current council spend. Annual consultants spend across the Council group totals about $126 million with the average consultant earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and personnel costs have risen sharply with thousands of six-figure salaries and a substantial payroll burden.Agreed positions and policy asks- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these expenditure items.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; such a measure would save at least $17 million immediately.Strategic direction and savings proposal- Ratepayer-led alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) to achieve a 3% average rates rise. This would be achieved by: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- This approach targets the root drivers of spend growth and aligns with the principle of delivering core services efficiently before increasing rates.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt a restrained evidence-based budget that prioritises essential services and delivers meaningful reductions in back-office and consultancy costs to keep rates affordable.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise is not affordable for households especially when the real rate of increase since 2022 has already reached 30% (in 2022 dollars) against 12% inflation. The burden would be approximately $320 more per year for the average household.- The rate increase is driven largely by CRL operating costs (4.4%) new assets (1.5%) and maintenance (2%). Given historic spending growth the Council must justify value for money in each expenditure line.- Council and CCO spending on personnel and consultants has escalated markedly: payroll is $1.3 billion consultants and contractors total $590 million with six-figure salaries rising substantially. Eighteen corporate functions cost nearly $868 million in direct expenditure. This level of backroom spending is inconsistent with prudent ratepayer stewardship.Position and alternative path- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and support reductions in wasteful Council spending.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than allow continued increases.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about a 3% increase. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- If a substantial rates hike is unavoidable a clear explicit plan should accompany it detailing how the money adds value for ratepayers and improves the city.ClosingI request the opportunity to present at hearings to explain these points in more detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Stop rates at this increase as cost-of-living is increasing and rates are the biggest household cost.The Auckland Ratepayer Alliance has identified the increase as irresponsible and a lack of organizational accountability to the customer and any private company would go into receivership when the customers all leave the company in droves, but Auckland Council has a captive customer-base.

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Howick

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I don't know

Tell us why

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

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I don’t know

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

Do not support

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Support

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Support

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

I don't know

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Support

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

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

You're passing the buck! What are you doing to reduce costs? What have you done to reduce cost before passing the buck to us!

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N/A

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None if you keep Increasing our rates because of your lack of ability to reduce costs or tackle the actual root cause of the problem. Have you considered fixing one area contributed issues in other areas

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I do not agree with rates rises or the AT residential parking permit fees. Fair enough for the rubbish fee.

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Support most

Tell us why

Most of it is practical and does not seem to be wasting money. Dont agree with rates rises though

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

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Support

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

Do not support

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Support

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You say you want to help people financial , and your going to put the Rates up again, which people cant affort, these go up so often and are crazy , meaning no one can have a saving plan to go on Hoiday or any thing they want to do with their family,

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Support

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Do not support

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N/A

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Support most

Tell us why

I support infrastructure growth but given the cost of living rising and other essential spendings, I believe some non-essential spending should reduce to keep the rate hikes minimal.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The 7.9% Rate hike is out of most people's affordability, .For salary and rent growth could not catch up. Property owners are facing other rising costs such as Mortgage, insurance, utlities etc. The council should demonstrate stronger cost cutting and reduce administrative cost before proposal such a big hike.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

The fast growing Flat bush area is lacking facilities such as sport ground, school, medical centre. The huge growth of population also add to the already stressed healthcare.

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

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

Support

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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Support

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Support

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The biggest factor of the rate hike is driven by CRL. But not everyone is proportionally benefitted by it. For example, East Auckland and Manukau are not benefitted as much as West Auckland. Afterall, we still dont have rail in Howick. So I think a targetted rate hike would be more reasonable.

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Improve transport network, in terms of both price and efficiency, so that not everyone needs to get on a car.

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Do not support most

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

There is no plan for improvement other than increase cost.... Not impressed at all.

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Ōrākei

Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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

A. Increase community-use sports fields provision either through redevelopment or expansion of our asset portfolio to address the forecasted move of Auckland Cricket into Colin Maiden Park and other demands on our sports fields.

Support

B. Increasing investment in restoration and pest-management programmes to grow and protect your natural environment. Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Ōrākei.

Do not support

C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.

Do not support

D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.

Support

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Support most

Tell us why

still too much nice to haves rather than necessities - i'm concerned about the increase when I can't maintain my house, fear being 'rated' out of my home. nobody I know is getting 7.9% pay increase so I expect many Aucklanders are becoming poorer year on year. Did we really need to wear the cost of speed bumps everywhere, many cycleways, fancy playgrounds & sports grounds, changing signage into maori e.g. schools & ferries, etc.?

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I'm not sure increasing residential parking permits is the thing to do, seems unreasonable.

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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the things i don't support are fancy 'nice to haves'. if funds are short households & businesses cut unnecessary spending so why doesn't council?

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I don't agree with any co-governance on mountains and landscapes, or any other issue, another cost, another waste of rate payers' money. only those elected by the people should make decisions.

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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Local Board: Howick

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

My place of address does not have transportation benefits. Even the crossing in Murphy's Park Road do not have traffic signals at all. We have requested this for a very long time.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Useless, as I dont benefit any of those at all. I already am paying for the rubbish fees. Stop increasing the prices, we are already suffering.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick,Papakura

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

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

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Papakura Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

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

A. Reduce library hours on Mondays and Fridays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.

I don't know

B. Reduce library hours on Saturdays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.

I don't know

C. Reduce selected maintenance: Stop bollard and post-and-rail maintenance in parks, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except high value/ecological).

I don't know

D. Charge a higher fee for visitors outside the Auckland region who visit Massey Park Pool.

Do not support

E. Reduce or discontinue grant funding.

Do not support

F. Reduce the numbers of public rubbish bins in public spaces such as town centres, parks and reserves.

I don’t know

G. Reduce or discontinue some arts and culture activities.

Support

H. Reduce or discontinue some services and programmes in arts facilities and community centres.

Support

I. Reduce or discontinue some community development and support activities.

Support

J. Reduce or discontinue some environmental and water quality activities.

Support

K. Reduce or discontinue civic events.

Do not support

L. Reduce or discontinue sports and park activation activities.

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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My place of address does not have transportation benefits. Even the crossing in Murphy's Park Road do not have traffic signals at all. We have requested this for a very long time. Stop increasing fees, everybody is already having a hard time!

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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

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

Traffic lights in Murphy's Park Road intersection and more bus stops around the area.

Question 6: City centre

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

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

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Tell us why

I follow the budget and it's plan for rate increases, in almost all years, the actual rate increases will be higher then the planned increases, with various excuses. That's the reason I lost confidence in your numbers

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Should remove the scrape bin immediately when about half of the residents don't use it. It is not economical. There are other way to reduce rubbish volumes.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

There are not much details but the Eastern busway is good

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

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Support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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Support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Eastern busways

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Central government tax income depends on the economy and introduction of new tax or increase tax rate is difficult, that serve as a hurdle for their spending. Council on the other hand increases the rate and other fee at a rate much higher then inflation, so it is less sensitive in its spending. Look at how much rate increases over the last twenty years, it will event lost people's support and advocates the elimination of council and put much of its role to the central government.

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

Planning and infrastructure to manage growth is important, that should work with central government. Council should get back to basics like local park and community service.

Question 6: City centre

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

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Local Board: Howick

Your feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Happy with the expenditure targets apart from the cost of Local Boards; thart to my mind is largely a waste of ratepayer money.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The PROMISE from Mayor Brown in 2025 was that residential properties wopuld receive an average 5.8% rates increase with a maximum of 9%. At that time I used the 'rates guide' tool and this showed an increase of just over 7.2%. When my rates account was actually received, the increase was over 34%. My enquiry on this with Auckland Council was treated with bureaucratic and corporate spin. In b rief I was 'fobbed off'.My concern is that the promises contained in the current plan are also misleading and the final proof will be when the rates accounts are actually delivered' until such time the proposed increase is is reality unproven.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

HLB receives $38.4m for 2026-27Of this, a minimum of 86% ($33m) is controlled by Auckland Council and HLB have very little say in this expenditure. That comment is based on perusing many months of HLB minutes. It is clear that expenditure has already been planned/proposed by Auckland Council and HLB is only being requested to comment on it and make a ‘lip service’ approval. There have been several cases where approval has been forthcoming but implementation has revealed that the objectives have not been met; proof the the HLB has not made any independant investigations. There is no evidence that any input from HLB modified plans/proposals therefore the process appears academic and cost to the ratepayers unnecessary. The balance which is a maximum of 15% ($5.4m) is actually allocated by HLB within Auckland Council guidelines. The provision for Governance & engagement is 4% ($1.5m)Therefore it costs ratepayers $1.5m to manage a portion of the budget totalling $5.4m – that is 28%.Not a great return on investment; why do we need the HLB (or any other Local Board for that matter!)at all?If this equation was expanded to take into account all the Local Boards in Auckland (21 in total), and a similar percentage of cost used, the total wasted would be in excess of $31mThat $31m expenditure would go a long way to reducing the rate burden of Auckland property owners and tenants or more usefully allocated to areas of need. The Auckland Council budget states The longer-term vision is a more efficient council focussed on value for money for Aucklanders. The plan makes provision of $72m, $76m and $77m

for Built Environment Operational Expenditure, Natural Environment Capital Expenditure and Well Managed Local Government respectively. The $31m saved on Local Boards would go some way to covering almost half of any of these budget items and making that statement true.

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

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Other

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Other

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

Other

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Other

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

Other

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

HLB involvement in all these areas is a waste of time/money/resources and could be managed by technology or a more responsive centralised part of Auckland Council.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I fully agree with the Mayor's drive for efficiency and ratepayers receiving full value from Auckland Council. I strongly believe the Local Board structure needs to be abandoned and a more efficient and cost-effective method of controlling the needs of local areas introduced.Auckland Council also

allocate too much ratepayer funding to 'ego activities' which are dressed up to represent 'economic development'. This is NOT the role of Council nor a place for ratepayer funds!Happy to discuss further if required.

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Infrastructure and Transport

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Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Allow some autonomy (within guidelines) for businesses/areas to do some of these things themselves

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#849

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Do not support any

Tell us why

While home owners are copping a 7.9% rates increase, the whole plan needs to be redone.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Why is it that just because some own homes, they have to subsidise other people's train rides? Surely if trains were that good, they would pay for themselves?

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

With 7.9% increases in rates, the whole plan needs to be revisited.

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

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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Do not support

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

Do not support

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

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Rate rises over the past 10 years have been an outrage. Home owners have received much less, and paid way more. How about councilors who think other people's money is their money be made to resign. You should all hang your head in shame.

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

None, cut rates and live within your lowered budget.

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

I think the plan for progress supports Auckland's development

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Howick

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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

Support

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

I don’t know

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

I don’t know

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Support

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

Support

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

No Comment

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Planning and infrastructure to manage growth

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Tell us why

No more increase in rates. Absolutely not.The community service that you are talking of is not free We are paying for using it. It is a big strain on our pockets and we would like Auckland Council to increase the benefits they're providing like keeping the bern lawn mowed and looking after the plants/tress on council property.

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Howick

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Already stated before

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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

These are non chargeable benefits which the council/ board can provide without increasing the strain on the residents.

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How about increasing connectivity by rail at a cost effective price so that more people can use public transport. The bus way is a total waste of resources. A monorail or tram service would have been more economically viable for the council and the commuters. Just like it is in most of the major crowded cities of the world

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Tell us why

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Do not like this

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Howick

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I believe the local boards is just another level of admin we could do without

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Support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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

Support

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

Crime should be reliant on central government, seminars on how to get money also a waste of time plenty of stuff online about this

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7.9% seems very high and I have to wonder if costs need to be looked at more, the leveles in a council seem excessive, like a business they need to be made more efficient

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Some groups who get money for events need to look to support the event themselves or it does not happen, less cycle ways and less speed bumps might also bring rading spend down

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Focus on users pay and efficiency, rather than rates across the region to subsidize CRL

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Exchange fee is fair if appropriately priced

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna,Howick

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

Devonport Takapuna library hours should not be reduced

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

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

I don’t know

B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.

Do not support

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

Support

D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.

Support

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

Do not support

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

Support

G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.

Support

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

Do not support

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

some services are more impactful than otherssome services could use commercial sponsors

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Flat Bush do need more funding, ignored for too long and population increased a lotSome services are more impactful than othersSome services could invite commercial sponsors rather than relying on council

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promote the city and its business to attract more visitors and grow economy, then there is more funding to do other stuff

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Do not support any

Tell us why

I do not think everyone should be Paying for CRL. We already pay so much in tax and council rates. This is an unfair and cruel rates increase

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I think an additional fee on top of the existing council fees for waste is outrageous

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Franklin,Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Franklin Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Do not support

3. We could adjust some service levels, fees and charges. What do you think about the proposed changes?

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Support

B. Reduce library hours: Ōtara Library, reduction of 4 hours per week; Papatoetoe Library, reduction of 2 hours per week; Tupu Youth Library, reduction of 5 hours per week; Manukau Library, reduction to a 6-day service, close on Sundays.

Support

C. Reduce discretionary spending on community grants, community and/or environment projects.

Support

D. Increase to fees for "Plus" (spa, sauna, and steam room entry) services by $1 at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).

Support

E. Charge adult visitors from outside the local board area at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).

Support

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

4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?

A combination of a Local Service Targeted Rate and reductions to current service levels and/or increases to fees and charges

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Tell us why

we can't afford the city rail link - users should pay more. Poor planning that we are stuck with it and we can't even get to the airport it just goes in the city centre. waste of money could have done the rail link with a bus. or used the tram lines that auckland had that you guys ripped up - endless wasting of money

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Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Regular Seminars for community groups on the local grants apprlication - just make the process simpler - to be honest an instucion video would be enough that is replayed/reused. If the person applying for the grant can;'t work it out from that then maybe they shouldn't be handling public money.STOP funding music in parks and movies in parks - not Local Boards job - also the cultural shows are a waste of money - no one goes.Drinking fountains across Local Board area is unnecessary - schools and sports fields sure but anywhere else is a waste.Why temporary library at Flat Bush, put the money into the actual new library - their are libraries in other areas people can use and promote the LIBBY app where you can get books online without going into the library!!Support the other initiatives

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Support

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Support

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Rubbish Roads Water Environment should be Council's priority.Food bins are a waste of time and money

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stop unmanaged infil housing and allowing vehicles to overcrowd suburban streets especially cul-de-sacsForce developers to develop in the rapid transport areas by law and once those areas are at capacity in years to come re look at the planning.I have been contacting watercare since feb 25 with the same ongoing water meter issue - I have spoken to 8 different people and still not sorted it is ridiculous - this gives me no confidence in your systems

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Tell us why

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Rubbish. Totally disagree

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Franklin,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Franklin Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Reduce the spending on contractors. Reduce the tender costings.....overall the approved contractors...fit foe nothing...huge margins and mark ups

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Contract costs should reduce...Get new contractors who are willing to do for half the price of existing contractors

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

A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.

Do not support

B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.

Support

C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.

Do not support

D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.

Support

E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.

Support

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

Tennis courts

3. What do you think of Onehunga Business Association Inc's proposal to reduce the geographic boundary of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme, and amount of targeted rate to be collected?

Do not support

Tell us why

It has to be uniform

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Better Roads

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Yes, additional budget needs to spread evenly to other users to have a fairer share across rather than just homeowner and ratepayers.

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

This is Outrageous. We are struggling with cost of living expenses and here you are proposing almost 8 percent increase in the rates. Are you guys for real ? There is hardly any talk of economic growth in this country and just keep talking about house prices, mortgage and rates. Forget Singapore, can we at least do what Ireland has done to attract big tech organization to boost growth. Where are we going to get the money to pay these rates because of some genius came up with CRL idea. If Democracy is not dead, I DO NOT support these irrational ideas of council and the mayor.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

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

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

Okay with everything except the 8 percent rates increase which is going to break the back of a normal kiwi who is struggling to put the food on the table.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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DO NOT, for heavens sake DO NOT push people and this country down the drain. Charging more from the citizens in taxes and rates is not the Solution. Learn from the other countries, get some consultants in who can help rather than ripping people off and pushing them to the grave earlier than they should.

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

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Question 6: City centre

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#1014

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Too much hardship on property owners. Economy is down no pay increases to counter inflation and persistent increase in rates etc.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

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

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

3. Free golf course, indoor basketball ball, lawn tennis,, table tennis, .

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Do not approve rates to increase.

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

As above

Question 6: City centre

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

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Get rid off homeless people, beggers, and make laws traffic distractors who barge at your cars to clean windscreens.

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#1025

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support any

Tell us why

Don't see any benefits with the public transport changes or proposed changes. Guarantee that the crl is going to be the next failure. Yes it does ease the transport time but unless the cost of travel doesn't go down people would still use private transport which would mean it would take so many more years to cover back the cost of the crl projects. Solution is simple. Make pubic transport cheaper and more and more people will start using it. New Zealand is one of the very few countries where private transport is cheaper than the public transport. Other things I wanted to mention is that there is so much attention for a second harbour crossing but no one talks about the bottle neck

at Mount Welllington. Govt is building the 3rd lane in Wiri. For Gods sake first create the third lane in Mt Wellington. Always feel that the govt and council favours north shore people and always forget the South. First we need a proper 3rd lane on motorway at Mt Wellington. Change ways on how we operate currently. There is so many basic things we could fix. I stay in Flatbush. We badly need a signal at Redoubt Rd Murphys rd intersection and Redoubt rd should be 4 lanes long back. Council should come and experience the pain to cross Redoubt rd in the mornings and evenings. Again I say second harbour crossing can wait. There are other much more important problems to fix. Have proper plans for this and we will support the increase in rates.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Agree to a certain limit.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

There is not a single useful project that is needed for the public planned in this local board.

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

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

Do not support

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

Do not support

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

Support

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Support

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Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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As I mentioned before we need to get to the basics first. All I see is increase in rates and transport cost year by year. There is no thought behind why revenue from public transport isn't increasing. Just follow the most basic rule. Make public transport cheaper that private vehicles. People will normally start using public transport. Without that I can guarantee crl or eastern busway whatever projects you bring. You are not gonna see the desired outcome. End of story.

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

Identify the choker arterial roads and widen the roads. Example is Redoubt road, Signal at Redoubt road Murphys Road intersection and third lane on Motorway at Mt Wellington to remove the bottle neck. I did read plans of adjusting the oncoming traffic. Those stupid ideas are not going to work. I would suggest to put the mayor and the councillors behind the driving wheel at these places during the peak traffic time.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rate increases not fair

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

They don't impact me

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

I don't know

Tell us why

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

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Support

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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I don’t know

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Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Support

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Support

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

Support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

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I dont agree with the rate increase.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The majority disagrees with the increased rate.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Disagree with any increased rate.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

No increased rate

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

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Support

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

Do not support

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

I don’t know

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

Support

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Totally do not support the increase in the rate.

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

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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#1072

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Your feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

rates too high but need to upgrade stormwater

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okay

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Howick

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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