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Local Board: Regional Organisation

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

Support most

Tell us why

The transport infrastructure has not match growth. I speak to the Rodney region. Many people have to travel for mahi and hours are spent queuing which is not good for people or the environment. The focus on improving the North West Busway is supported but also the future need for better connections via State highway 18 to the East. The long-discussed By-Pass for Kumeū, better utilisation of the rail corridor and continued sealing of local gravel roads are all things we want kept to of mind for Auckland. Acknowledging some of those requests relate to other Government Agencies such as Kiwi Rail and Waka Kotahi NZTA, however we wish to see ongoing engagement

between all to produce better outcomes for whānau and communities in the rohe of Ngāti Whatua o Kaipara.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

With the current pressure of rising fuel prices and international turmoil, it is hard to support rates increases. Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee.

Rates already include refuse services we see additional fes just adding to these costs – if it improves user pay cost recover, that is supported. If it is applied regardless of the use of the service, IE: the foodscrap bins, - We do not support this.

Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas – No comment

Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme – supported.

An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.

Given Planning rule changes have seen a decrease in requirements to provide adequate off road parking as part of development, it is difficult to then see users penalised for parking when options have been limited.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Rodney,Upper Harbour

Rodney 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 would like to see Marae recognised for the significant contribution they make to the wellbeing of the people in the area. They provide manaakitanga in times of need as shown during the many road closures across State Highway 16 due to emergency situation. We believe there is a need to treat them in a similar manner to other community facilities when it comes to funding support for compliance matters.

Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

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

Do not support

B. Reduce grants funding.

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

Do not support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Do not support

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

There is little use of this facility by whānau from our area.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

We support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Plan. See attachment for full submission.

Regional transport plans It is vital that we have cost effective transport plans. This includes the North-West Busway- Te Hauāuru, adequate park and ride, ferry services and walking and cycling options. Safe bicycle storage is needed at all connection points in the network, given the expense of electric bikes and the high fuel costs. While some transport plans may relate to Central Government or other Govt bodies, IE NZTA Waka Kotahi, plans for a Kumeū bypass have been stalled for decades and the SH16 Safer Roads programme of work has taken more than twice the predicted time for delivery. • Water service strategies The management of water is vital to everything and needs to have a long-term plan. Use of aquifers, dams, storage and water sources needs to be clear and sustainable. Plan Change 120 to allow for 1.6 million more Aucklanders, should not proceed without clear plans for water supply, use and treatment. Waste Water/Storm Water plans and infrastructure currently have not kept up with growth. Future Urban Growth areas across Rodney, from Red Hills in the South, Dairy Flat in the East, Warkworth in the North have all have interim services or potential solutions. Failure of these could impact our waterways and the environment.

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

We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.

We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):

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

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

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

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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2	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

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

Sort transport out for the Rodney area before supporting the constant stream of development being pushed through things like the Fast Track Legislation. All while the funding has not sorted infrastructure out, roading, waste-water, water supply, schooling.

Make sure we can maintain what we have. Resilience is affected by poor maintenance of stormwater infrastructure and maintenance. Look after our environment and make these places safe and welcoming for our communities.

Question 6: City centre

Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

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

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reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Feedback 26-27 Annual Plan Year 3 2024-2024 (LTP)

Transport, water and supporting Local Boards.
We agree with the overall priorities.

Rates rise: The City Rail Link will be of minimal value to the whānau who reside in Rodney. Given the high fuel costs currently, and with limited public transport across the largely rural region, while we support most of the plans, **we do not agree to the blanket increase applied to cover this cost.**

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Rodney Local Board feedback

Support most

$10.5 capital investment – Given the growth in population across the rohe, the increased budget is a recognition of that.

The $29.4 Million allocated to operational expenditure for maintaining community facilities and open spaces.

Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara would like to see Marae included for support, as part of Community Facilities. Marae across South Kaipara have played a key role in assisting, not only whānau, but wider community and travellers in times of need. Stranded travellers on State Highway 16 due to storm events is an example of this.

High costs for fire compliance is an area where support could be directed.

The recent procurement call by Auckland Council for "Expressions of Interests" for Parks and Reserves maintenance was put out with a short turn around and did not allow for good engagement on this matter. Returning more local oversite of this work should allow for more local job opportunities.

We support the renewal/enhancement of aging assets in our local parks.
Kaipātiki play space has set a high bench mark and we support expenditure on other areas.
Many local spaces have been retained in public ownership because of their cultural significance and heritage values which should be recognised where appropriate.

Greenways and connectivity that allows for better walking and cycling is supported.
Given the state of the worlds oil supplies, whānau need better options for alternative transport modes.

Weed Control and Pest Management expenditure is supported.
Opportunities for whānau to be engaged in this space. The efforts towards a Predator Free South Head should be supported.

Events that engage youth is supported in all forms.

Community resilience, given the many risk types that could affect Rodney, it is vital that the community can stand on its own for 48 hours, supporting each other.
Marae and whānau have shown the importance of their ability to respond and we want to stay connected via the Local Board. Support budgeting for this.

Education and the environment. Support the spend on these initiatives that will help educate and provide long term benefits for waste minimisation, restoration and enhance our waterways and wider environment.

Upper Harbour Local Board feedback.

Support most

We acknowledge the financial pressure faced.

We do not support a change in maintenance investment.
We believe well maintained public spaces enhances pride in the location.
Poor maintenance can lead to an increase in pest plants and animals.

With the increased costs of fuel, alternatives for walking and cycling must be maintained/increased.

Increased fees and charges. We support Option 1, an increase in fees for user pays services at Albany Stadium Pool.

Henderson Massey Local Board

NGA MAUNGA WHAKAHII O KAIPARA

[redacted]

Support most

Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Trust Board acknowledge the connections to this area and in particular Te Manawa which was named by our Kaumātua. We support changes in hours to improve cost efficiency while minimally reducing services.

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Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027

We support whanaunga in the maintenance of these whenua taonga and support their plans.

Regional transport plans

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Auckland's spatial plan
2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.

1 - Regional Parks and Environment
2 - Flood Resilience
3 - Planning and infrastructure to Manage Growth
4 - Transport
5 - Local Parks and Recreational Services
6 - Economic Development and Events

Having Te Rau Puriri and Muriwai Regional Parks within the rohe, it is important to us that investment in care and protection is vital. Muriwai coastline creatures have suffered the

same fate as Whangaparāoa, plus the issue of so many people driving on the beach has not been well addressed to date.

Flood protection or mitigation is critical for areas like Kumeū, Waimauku and Kaukapakapa. We support investments in solutions such as constructed wetlands, better maintenance of infrastructure and environment solutions that support our waterways.

While we have prioritised these, any investment needs to take all related facets into consideration. EG: While we may have amazing regional parks, if no one can get to them via a transport mode, is that a good investment?

City Centre

1 - Safety
2 - Māori Identity and culture
3 - Getting around
4 - Better connections
5 - Streets and public places
6 - Supporting businesses
7 - Events and City Life

A safe, easy to get around city will attract activity and naturally support the businesses in this precinct.
Auckland City is one of the best opportunities to feature Māori Identity and culture, not only so Whānau to feel at home, but to show case what Aotearoa – New Zealand represents to the many visitors who come to the City.

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Kaiwhakahaere te Tari Taiao – on behalf
Nga Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust
PSGE – Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara

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Support most

Tell us why

Because it links to the Long Term Plan

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

Because a large part of the operational expenditure is committed

to contract for maintaining our community facilities

and open spaces.

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

A. Community wellbeing - continue to grow and evolve our programmes to support community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi, as well as older people

Support

B. Review level of community grants, including investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to plan, develop or upgrade community facilities

Support

C. Improve engagement with communities of need, schools and youth

Support

D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan

Support

E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks

Support

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

1 and 2

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board has provided funding to Hoani Waititi Marae to maintain the marae grounds and to ensure fair and easy affordable access to a safe and welcoming marae venue for our West Auckland community. The funding period is from the 1 July 2021 and ends on the 30 June 2026. Hoani Waititi Marae would like Waitākere Ranges Local Board to roll the funding over for another 5yrs so the marae can continue to maintain the marae grounds and continually ensure fair and easy affordable access to a safe and welcoming marae venue is provided for our West Auckland community.

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?

Continue to fund Hoani Waititi Marae to maintain their grounds / venue so community continue to have access to a well maintained and safe community venue.

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

Te Ahiwaru are the ahi kaa of Ihumātao — the descendants of those whose names sit on the original Crown titles, and whose occupation of this whenua has never been extinguished.

Te Ahiwaru is a non-settled iwi. That matters. We do not have access to settlement capital or PSGE infrastructure. Auckland Council has already recognised this through its Capacity Grant, which exists to ensure non-settled iwi can participate equitably in governance and planning where others

are supported through settlement structures. That same equity is why iwi-led procurement matters in this Annual Plan — because for non-settled iwi, it is one of the key mechanisms that turn participation into real economic, cultural, and environmental outcomes. Rates pressure, deprivation, and lived impact. We want to clearly articulate the pressure that the proposed 7.1% rates rise places on our people. Rates increases do not land evenly. For whānau at Ihumātao and across Māngere and Ōtāhuhu, this increase sits on top of already extreme pressure — rising food costs, energy bills, housing insecurity, and whānau obligations.

Our papakāinga does not even have a bus service, yet our people will carry the cost of major infrastructure projects they do not directly benefit from. Many whānau are already struggling to maintain their homes and meet basic needs — some are relying on food parcels — and this rise risks pushing already-vulnerable households further into hardship. We are also hearing concern about additional targeted rates in Maangere. In communities with some of the highest deprivation indicators in Taamaki Makaurau, layering further cost without matching investment deepens inequity rather than resolving it. This is why rates policy cannot be separated from equity, deprivation, and place-based need.

Legacy infrastructure impacts and planning for the future: We also want to acknowledge the legacy impacts of infrastructure decisions on our whenua and our people. Ihumātao and the surrounding papakāinga experienced significant environmental impact through the degradation of our awa and the loss of access to harbour resources, while at the same time being among the last areas in Auckland to be connected to public sewerage infrastructure. Those decisions were not felt equally across the city, and the effects are still carried by our whānau today through infrastructure gaps, environmental harm, and pressure on our living environments. Through Taapapa Limited and the Trust, we are now finalising master-planning and feasibility work so future papakāinga development is done properly — in a way that restores taiao, protects waahi tapu, and supports whānau wellbeing. That planning reinforces why an equity lens matters now — because addressing historic under-investment and environmental impact is essential if future development is to be sustainable and fair.

Employment realities and Māori economic development

We are also seeing the consequences of long-term under-investment in South Auckland through employment outcomes. We have mokopuna with skills, qualifications, and talent applying for twenty or more entry-level roles without even receiving a call back. That is not a lack of aspiration — it is a lack of opportunity in the places they live. Māori economic development is not a nice to have. It is one of the most effective responses to deprivation. When iwi are resourced to care for whenua, restore taiao, share histories, and deliver cultural experiences, we create local employment, training pathways, dignity, and resilience — and we keep wealth circulating in our own communities.

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Te Whakakitenga mō te Whenua – 200-year vision: It is a visual map shaped by more than 50 wānanga across five generations of whānau. It brings together our histories, wāhi tapu, pā, papakāinga, taiao, and the pathways forward for our people.

Te Ahiwaru is located at the gateway to Tāmaki Makaurau, immediately adjacent to Auckland Airport, which receives millions of visitors each year. Yet at the very entry point to the city, there is currently no world-class, mana whenua-led cultural or environmental experience that tells the story of this place.

Ihumātao is the birthplace of Tāmaki Makaurau — where the first waka arrived, bringing advanced Polynesian technologies, environmental knowledge, and settlement practices that evolved over generations into who we are today. That is a powerful and important story, and it remains largely untapped. With the right investment and support, this rohe is uniquely placed to deliver authentic, iwi-led experiences that bring together history, taiao, ecology, archaeology, and living culture —

creating employment, training, and long-term economic sustainability for our people, while offering visitors something that other destinations simply cannot.

In this Annual Plan, we are asking Council to apply a genuine equity lens. Equity means recognising difference, not ignoring it. It means that places with the highest deprivation, the least infrastructure, and the greatest pressure should receive more support, not be asked to absorb more cost.

Practically, this means:

• applying an equity lens for non-settled iwi and South Auckland

• supporting iwi-led economic development

• prioritising mana whenua-led procurement

• investing in papakāinga housing and safety

• implementing practical road and speed calming around living pā sites. These are not new directions — they build on commitments Council has already made.

Before we close, we want to respond directly to a question that keeps coming up — where savings could be found if Council is serious about easing pressure on households. From our perspective, rates relief does not require cutting equity — it requires cutting inefficiency and re-prioritising investment so it delivers the greatest return for communities with the highest need.

That could include:

• reducing reliance on high-cost external consultancy where local and iwi capability exists

• deferring or re-sequencing projects that deliver limited benefit to high-deprivation communities

•prioritising local mana whenua for cultural, environmental, and visitor experiences rather than importing providers from outside the region

•streamlining duplicated engagement and planning processes by resourcing iwi-led delivery

•focusing discretionary spend on initiatives that deliver measurable social, economic, and environmental outcomes in South Auckland. Rates relief, equity, and Māori economic development are not competing priorities — they are interconnected.

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	Planning and infrastructure to manage growth – planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services.
	Regional parks and environment – looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects
	Transport – roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
	Flood resilience – reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

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

TE AHIWARU TRUST – ORAL KOORERO

Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/27

Te Ahiwaru are the ahi kaa of Ihumātao — the descendants of those whose names sit on the original Crown titles, and whose occupation of this whenua has never been extinguished.

Ihumātao is nationally recognised as an exceptional cultural heritage landscape and is the longest continually occupied pā site in Tāmaki Makaurau. Our ahi kaa has been maintained through whakapapa, tuku whenua, and lived occupation across generations.

Ko Makaurau te marae. Ko Te Ahiwaru te hapū.

This place carries deep significance — through the tuku whenua of our tīpuna, our relationships through Te Waiohua and the Kiingitanga, and the enduring responsibilities handed down since the time of Pōtatau Te Wherowhero.

We are here today not as one submitter among many, but as the iwi with enduring responsibility for this place — past, present, and future.

Equity for a non-settled iwi

Te Ahiwaru is a non-settled iwi. That matters.

We do not have access to settlement capital or PSGE infrastructure. Auckland Council has already recognised this through its Capacity Grant, which exists to ensure non-settled iwi can participate equitably in governance and planning where others are supported through settlement structures.

That same equity is why iwi-led procurement matters in this Annual Plan — because for non-settled iwi, it is one of the key mechanisms that turn participation into real economic, cultural, and environmental outcomes.

Rates pressure, deprivation, and lived impact

We want to clearly articulate the pressure that the proposed 7.1% rates rise places on our people.

Rates increases do not land evenly. For whānau at Ihumātao and across Māngere and Ōtāhuhu, this increase sits on top of already extreme pressure — rising food costs, energy bills, housing insecurity, and whānau obligations.

Our papakāinga does not even have a bus service, yet our people will carry the cost of major infrastructure projects they do not directly benefit from. Many whānau are already struggling to maintain their homes and meet basic needs — some are relying on food parcels — and this rise risks pushing already-vulnerable households further into hardship.

We are also hearing concern about additional targeted rates in Maangere. In communities with some of the highest deprivation indicators in Taamaki Makaurau, layering further cost without matching investment deepens inequity rather than resolving it.

This is why rates policy cannot be separated from equity, deprivation, and place-based need.

Legacy infrastructure impacts and planning for the future

We also want to acknowledge the legacy impacts of infrastructure decisions on our whenua and our people.

Ihumātao and the surrounding papakāinga experienced significant environmental impact through the degradation of our awa and the loss of access to harbour resources, while at the same time being among the last areas in Auckland to be connected to public sewerage infrastructure.

Those decisions were not felt equally across the city, and the effects are still carried by our whānau today through infrastructure gaps, environmental harm, and pressure on our living environments.

Through Taapapa Limited and the Trust, we are now finalising master-planning and feasibility work so future papakāinga development is done properly — in a way that restores taiao, protects waahi tapu, and supports whānau wellbeing.

That planning reinforces why an equity lens matters now — because addressing historic under-investment and environmental impact is essential if future development is to be sustainable and fair.

Employment realities and Māori economic development

We are also seeing the consequences of long-term under-investment in South Auckland through employment outcomes.

We have mokopuna with skills, qualifications, and talent applying for twenty or more entry-level roles without even receiving a call back. That is not a lack of aspiration — it is a lack of opportunity in the places they live.

Māori economic development is not a “nice to have”. It is one of the most effective responses to deprivation. When iwi are resourced to care for whenua, restore taiao, share histories, and deliver cultural experiences, we create local employment, training pathways, dignity, and resilience — and we keep wealth circulating in our own communities.

Te Whakakitenga mō te Whenua – 200-year vision

This slide shows Te Whakakitenga mō te Whenua — our 200-year intergenerational vision for Ihumātao and our rohe.

It is a visual map shaped by more than 50 wānanga across five generations of whānau. It brings together our histories, wāhi tapu, pā, papakāinga, taiao, and the pathways forward for our people.

It is not a concept plan. It is a commitment — to restore the whenua close to its original state, protect what is sacred, and ensure our people can live and thrive on our whenua.

This vision is made practical through our Ahikaa Framework and its five Pou Matua.

Ngaa Pou Matua o te Ahikaa Framework

- Mana Motuhake — iwi-led governance and enterprise
- Waahi Tapu, Waahi Taonga — protection and restoration led by ahi kaa
- Toituu Te Taiao — environmental restoration and climate resilience
- Hoki Whenua Mai — land return into active mana whenua stewardship
- Oranga Whānau — wellbeing through papakāinga, safety, and meaningful work

These pou guide how we engage and how we deliver.
Mana motuhake is not abstract. It is expressed through iwi-led economic development.

Ahi Tahutahu is our whānau-led whenua and taiao maintenance team. Through it, Te Ahiwaru takes responsibility for caring for our whenua, reserves, and wāhi tapu — guided by tikanga and delivered by ahi kaa.

Strangers should not be coming into our pā to care for our wāhi tapu.
It should be us.

Ahi Tahutahu shows how the Annual Plan can move from policy to practice by prioritising mana whenua-led procurement that delivers cultural, environmental, and economic outcomes.

Iwi-led tourism – Te Ihu o Mataoho Tours

Another expression of mana motuhake is Te Ihu o Mataoho Tours.

Te Ihu o Mataoho Tours is recognised through Tataki Auckland Unlimited’s Treasures of Tāmaki Makaurau, affirming iwi-led storytelling at Ihumātao as a taonga for the city and its visitor economy.

That recognition also highlights the untapped potential of iwi-led tourism in Tāmaki Makaurau. Māori tourism is one of Aotearoa’s most significant cultural and economic contributors, yet the city continues to be overshadowed by destinations like Rotorua and Queenstown.

Gateway to Auckland – world-class opportunity

Te Ahiwaru is located at the gateway to Tāmaki Makaurau, immediately adjacent to Auckland Airport, which receives millions of visitors each year. Yet at the very entry point to the city, there is currently no world-class, mana whenua-led cultural or environmental experience that tells the story of this place.

Ihumātao is the birthplace of Tāmaki Makaurau — where the first waka arrived, bringing advanced Polynesian technologies, environmental knowledge, and settlement practices that evolved over generations into who we are today. That is a powerful and important story, and it remains largely untapped.

With the right investment and support, this rohe is uniquely placed to deliver authentic, iwi-led experiences that bring together history, taiao, ecology, archaeology, and living culture — creating employment, training, and long-term economic sustainability for our people, while offering visitors something that other destinations simply cannot.

This is not about replicating Rotorua or Queenstown. It is about unlocking Taamaki Makaurau own identity, led by mana whenua, at the point where the world first arrives.

Where Council is funding or contracting cultural experiences, mana whenua should be prioritised to lead those experiences in their own rohe, building long-term value for the city.

Annual Plan implications – what equity means

In this Annual Plan, we are asking Council to apply a genuine equity lens.

Equity means recognising difference, not ignoring it. It means that places with the highest deprivation, the least infrastructure, and the greatest pressure should receive more support, not be asked to absorb more cost.

Practically, this means:

- applying an equity lens for non-settled iwi and South Auckland
- supporting iwi-led economic development
- prioritising mana whenua-led procurement
- investing in papakāinga housing and safety
- implementing practical road and speed calming around living pā sites

These are not new directions — they build on commitments Council has already made.

Before we close, we want to respond directly to a question that keeps coming up — *where savings could be found if Council is serious about easing pressure on households*.

From our perspective, rates relief does not require cutting equity — it requires cutting inefficiency and re-prioritising investment so it delivers the greatest return for communities with the highest need.

That could include:

- reducing reliance on high-cost external consultancy where local and iwi capability exists
- deferring or re-sequencing projects that deliver limited benefit to high-deprivation communities
- prioritising local mana whenua for cultural, environmental, and visitor experiences rather than importing providers from outside the region
- streamlining duplicated engagement and planning processes by resourcing iwi-led delivery
- focusing discretionary spend on initiatives that deliver measurable social, economic, and environmental outcomes in South Auckland

Rates relief, equity, and Māori economic development are not competing priorities — they are interconnected.

Te Ahiwaru has never left Ihumātao.

Te Whakakitenga mō te Whenua is how we ensure those yet to come can also remain.

We are committed to the wellbeing and welfare of our people, and to working with Council in partnership to create solutions that are fair, durable, and place-based.

Kia ora.



Ngaa Pou Matua o te Ahikaa Framework

Mana Motuhake
Self-determination through iwi-led governance and enterprise

Waahi Tapu, Waahi Taonga
Protection, preservation, and restoration of sacred sites and taonga, led by ahi kaa

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

Support most

Tell us why

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continued capital investment, and a strong focus on cost savings and efficiencies. While the plan aims to maintain services and infrastructure investment, it must also ensure

meaningful partnership with mana whenua and iwi outcomes across planning, economic development, climate response and community wellbeing.

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housing.

Mana Whenua Partnership and Decision Making: Mana whenua

engagement risks becoming consultative rather than co-design. Iwi capability and participation in planning processes remains underresourced. Feedback: Strengthen iwi partnership in governance, planning and delivery programmes. Potential solution: Dedicated mana whenua partnership funding streams to support iwi participation in: Annual Plan consultation, Local Board planning, environmental and climate initiatives, infrastructure and regional development planning.

Climate Adaptation and Environmental Resilience

Climate events continue to affect coastal and rural communities across Tamaki and Hauraki. Limited resourcing for iwi-led climate adaptation and environmental restoration. Feedback: Increase investment in iwi-led climate resilience initiatives. Potential solution: Support programmes involving marae and whanau emergency preparedness, iwi climate adaptation plans, rangatahi environmental leadership, coastal ecosystem restoration.

Economic Development and Procurement: Council procurement

pipelines often do not translate into direct opportunities for iwi businesses. Procurement frameworks should include measurable weighting for mana whenua participation. Require major contracts to include: Iwi subcontracting targets, Workforce pathways for rangatahi, Capability-building for Māori suppliers.

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Annual Plan should support iwi-led housing solutions

and papakāinga development. Enforcement-based approaches risk criminalising poverty and do not align with

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Local board partnerships: Local boards play a significant role in

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

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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Oranga Whānau – Social and Community Wellbeing

The proposal's emphasis on stronger communities and place-based investment presents an opportunity to work more closely with iwi and marae to deliver community-centred outcomes. Ngāti Tamaterā supports initiatives that recognise the role of iwi and of marae as resilience hubs and community anchors, particularly in times of emergency response, cultural connection and community development.

Oranga Ōhanga – Economic Development

The proposal places strong emphasis on economic growth and investment in infrastructure, including the continuation of capital investment and development initiatives across the region. Ngāti Tamaterā supports initiatives that stimulate economic activity, particularly where they create employment pathways, procurement opportunities and business development opportunities for iwi and Māori enterprises.

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The proposal acknowledges pressures within local board funding and the need to address inequities in funding allocation. Ngāti Tamaterā encourages council to ensure that any changes to service levels or funding models do not disproportionately impact communities where Māori populations are significant and rely on community services and facilities.

See attachment for full submission and further recommendations.

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

We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.

We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

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

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

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust

Submission on the Draft Mayoral Proposal – Auckland Council Annual Plan and Budget 2026/2027

Overall Context

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Ngāti Tamaterā welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Mayoral Proposal for the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027 and acknowledges the Mayor's intent to maintain financial discipline while progressing key reforms for Auckland.

As mana whenua with strong connections across the region, Ngāti Tamaterā is interested in how council investment, governance reform, and infrastructure planning align with iwi aspirations and contribute to long-term wellbeing outcomes for Māori communities.

Key Impacts, Feedback, and Solutions

1. Mana Whenua Partnership and Decision Making

Impact	Feedback	Potential Solution	Alignment
Mana whenua engagement risks becoming consultative rather than co-design. Iwi capability and participation in planning processes remains under-resourced.	Strengthen iwi partnership in governance, planning and delivery programmes.	Dedicated **mana whenua partnership funding streams** to support iwi participation in: Annual Plan consultation Local Board planning environmental and climate initiatives infrastructure and regional development planning.	Oranga Whānau Oranga Mātauranga Oranga Ōhanga *Whai Rawa Ora (Economic Wellbeing)* *Te Hapori Ora (Whānau and Community Wellbeing)* *Iwi Ora (Iwi Wellbeing)* *Huatau Ora (Future Wellbeing)*

2. Climate Adaptation and Environmental Resilience

Impact	Feedback	Potential Solution	Alignment
Climate events continue to affect coastal and rural iwi communities across Tāmaki and Hauraki.	Increase investment in **iwi-led climate resilience initiatives**.	Support programmes involving: Marae and whānau emergency	Oranga Taiao Oranga Rangatahi *Te Taiao Ora*

Limited resourcing for iwi-led climate adaptation and environmental restoration.		preparedness Iwi climate adaptation plans Rangatahi environmental leadership Coastal ecosystem restoration.	*(Environmental Wellbeing)*

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Strategic Opportunity for Ngāti Tamaterā

The Annual Plan presents an opportunity to strengthen **place-based partnerships with mana whenua**, particularly in areas such as climate resilience, environmental restoration, rangatahi capability development, and economic procurement pathways.

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Potential benefits	Potential impacts
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Council's proposed Economic Development Strategy could support local employment and iwi business development.	initiatives.

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4. Support rangatahi development initiatives aligned with innovation and future workforce opportunities.
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N/A

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process

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N/A

Question 6: City centre

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TE PATUKIRIKIRI

Annual Budget 2026 - 2027

20 March 2026

Te Patukirikiri submission

Ko Wai Mātou

❑ Who We Are

- Mana whenua -Tāmaki Makaurau and Hauraki
- Descendants of Kapetaua
- Part of the Marutūāhu, Tāmaki collectives
- Actively engaging across our rohe
- Progressing our Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE)



Annual Plan Increase

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3615

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Tell us why

[Feedback provided verbally at mana whenua hui]

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden,Kaipātiki,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei,Puketāpapa,Waitematā

Albert-Eden Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

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

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

Support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Other

Tell us why

Kaipātiki Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

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

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

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.

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)

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?

Other

Tell us why

Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Tell us why

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei has a long- and well-established relationship with the Ōrākei Local Board. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei are invested in all environmental projects within this rohe and in particular the current sea wall/breakwater project at Okahu Bay. We would like to stay informed on any developments within this space.

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.

Support

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

Support

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

Support

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

Puketāpapa Local Board Feedback:

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

Support all

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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

Support most

Tell us why

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

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

Other

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

Other

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

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

Other

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Do not support

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

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei intends to strengthen its working relationship with the Waitematā local Board given our significant sites of significance, environmental spaces and land holdings at Te Tōangaroa. The growing homelessness situation is of concern as is water quality and the negative environmental impacts this leads too. Other

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei looks to reset its position with the TMA. In doing so we would like to see the operational plan and funds managed in such a way that protects our customary rights and interests on and within our ancestral maunga.

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3772

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Your feedback

Ngaati Whanaunga Written response to Annual Budget 2026-2027

Ngaati Whanaunga provided a verbal submission to the Annual Budget committee on Friday 20 March.

[redacted] **spoke directly to the governing body.**

Ngaati Whanaunga feedback to Annual Budget committee 20 March 2026

Council general comments;

- [redacted] noted that council should focus on what's going to affect Ngati Whanaunga. (Environment, whenua, Parks and reserves, housing, economic development and partnerships)
- Ngaati Whanaunga is looking to get into partnership with council
- Rates: We have heard from the previous speakers re the rate increases of 7.9%. This is huge. Note economic impact of affordability on tangatawhenua.

Our overall plan and proposed rates increase

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Local board priorities

Ngaati Whanaunga has a scheduled hui with local board three-year plan writers to discuss alignment of Iwi priorities with local board priorities.Scheduled for 13 April 2026.

Environmental and Parks and Reserves interest.

- Interest in Management plans for regional parks noted.

Mike Baker Chair of Ngaati Whanaunga noted existing taiao kaupapa working in partnership with council on a number of environmental development issues, Ngaati Whanauanga is already working with council on environmental priorities, resilience and expressed interest in Ngaati Whanaunga returing to traditional regional park areas in the Hunuas, Tapapakanga and Waharau regional park areas.

- Ngaati Whanaunga expressed that council continue with their environmental and iwi development partnering intiatives.
- Ngaati Whanaunga expressed interest in all council environmental priorities and is already working with council on resilience and taiao priorities.
- Ngaati Whanaunga expressed interest in seeking co management and partnering opportunities aligned with their future settlement interests in the Hunua's, Tapapakanga regional park and Waharau regional park.
- [redacted] noted iwi interests in partnering and future interest in developing a Marae and Papakainga space on Tapapakanga. The iwi is currently scoping opportunities for the Iwi with senior managers.
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Ngaati Whanaunga noted their Tapapakanga and Waharau regional park priorities.

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Housing and cost of living concerns

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- The iwi seeks to participate and invest in reestablishing Ngaati Whanaunga whanau "our people" into the community.
- Seeking opportunities and examples of Iwi living alonside of council.
- [redacted] noted - "We have yet to reach a position where it is taken seriously by counicl". Note Ngaati Whanaunga is a pre-settlment Iwi.
- [redacted] noted that there "needs to be support for building the capacity of iwi (especilaly pre-settlement iwi) to work with these agencies – Capacity is an ongoing issue for us".

Ngaati Whanaunga are Tangatawhenua of the rohe – we work alongside council. [redacted] noted that Nga Matarae are working with us and acknowledge their worth.

[redacted] noted "there is more to be done to support Iwi Maori". Houkura is a great kaupapa.

"We need to have solutions going forward".

[redacted] noted there is a lot of talk about Marae – "our marae are volunteers for iwi – changes need to happen" (Note reference to resouring)

- Resilience planning and actions should be taken up by iwi alongside counci so we can respond to our areas affected by climeate change.

[redacted]: Chair noted - Thank you No patai. Nick will pick up the Tapapakanga conversation.

[redacted] noted for reference - **Technology isn't the new Marae. Thanks for no questions – on a marae it signals "Silence is an agreeement on the marae".**

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#3805

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Support most

Tell us why

Ngāti Maru is concerned about the proposed 7.9% rates increase, particularly in the current economic climate.

Many of our whānau are already feeling the pressure of rising costs across housing, food, utilities and fuel. For households on low or fixed incomes, any additional increase in rates will create further strain and, in some cases, real hardship.

We acknowledge the need for Council to invest in infrastructure and essential services. However, this must be balanced against the ability of communities to absorb increased costs.

Ngāti Maru strongly encourages Auckland Council to reconsider the scale of this increase. We recommend that Council aim to at least halve the proposed increase, or consider a more gradual, phased approach. This would better reflect the financial realities facing many Auckland households.

The protection of wai and the health of Tikapa Moana remains a priority for Ngāti Maru.

What happens on land flows through our waterways into the Waitematā Harbour and ultimately into the Hauraki Gulf. The health of these environments is fundamental to our identity as tangata whenua and to the wellbeing of future generations.

We support increased investment in:

• Wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to reduce overflows into waterways

• Long-term planning that recognises cumulative impacts of development

• Protection and restoration of freshwater and coastal ecosystems

Investment in prevention is critical and will avoid greater costs in the future.

Ngāti Maru supports planning that reflects the realities of climate change and prepares communities for future risks.

This includes recognising flooding, sea level rise, and pressure on existing infrastructure. Planning decisions must prioritise long-term resilience and avoid short-term approaches that increase future risk. We encourage Council to adopt place-based planning approaches, informed by local knowledge and mātauranga Māori, to ensure decisions remain relevant and sustainable for future generations.

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Ngāti Maru seeks a strengthened approach to genuine partnership with mana whenua. We ask that Council moves beyond consultation and towards early and meaningful engagement, where iwi are involved in shaping solutions from the outset. Ngāti Maru maintains long-standing connections to the Tāmaki isthmus, Waitematā Harbour and North Shore coastline, and continues to hold kaitiaki responsibilities across these areas. Stronger partnerships will lead to better environmental, cultural and community outcomes.

Council planning must continue to prioritise the wellbeing of people and communities.

We support:

• Healthy and affordable housing

• Education and employment pathways for rangatahi

• Recognition of the needs of Māori communities, rangatahi and kaumātua.

There is an opportunity for Council to further support pathways into employment, including apprenticeships, cadetships and training linked to infrastructure investment.

Ngāti Maru recognises the challenges Auckland Council faces in balancing growth, infrastructure investment, environmental protection and community wellbeing.

We encourage Council to ensure the Annual Plan reflects both the environmental responsibilities we hold for this place and the economic realities facing our communities.

In particular, we ask Council to:

• Reconsider and reduce the proposed 7.9% rates increase

• Continue prioritising investment that protects wai and the health of Tikapa Moana

• Strengthen climate-resilient and place-based planning

• Commit to meaningful partnership with iwi

• Support pathways that improve outcomes for whānau, rangatahi and communities.

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18 March 2026

Submission to Auckland Council – Annual Plan 2026/2027

From: Ngāti Maru Rūnanga

Tēnā koutou,

Ngāti Maru Rūnanga appreciates the opportunity to provide a written submission to accompany our presentation on the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027.

Ngāti Maru is the mandated iwi organisation and post-settlement governance entity for Ngāti Maru of Hauraki. Our rohe extends from Ngā Kurī a Wharei in the south to Mahurangi in the north, with a significant presence of our whānau living within Tāmaki Makaurau. Approximately 30% of our iwi members reside in Auckland, and our population is young, with over half under the age of 30. Decisions made through this Annual Plan therefore have a direct and lasting impact on our people.

Our priorities are grounded in **He Tangata and Te Taiao** — our people and our environment. These pou underpin our feedback on the Annual Plan.

Cost of living and proposed rates increase

Ngāti Maru is concerned about the proposed 7.9% rates increase, particularly in the current economic climate.

Many of our whānau are already feeling the pressure of rising costs across housing, food, utilities and fuel. For households on low or fixed incomes, any additional increase in rates will create further strain and, in some cases, real hardship.

We acknowledge the need for Council to invest in infrastructure and essential services. However, this must be balanced against the ability of communities to absorb increased costs.

Ngāti Maru strongly encourages Auckland Council to reconsider the scale of this increase. We recommend that Council aim to at least halve the proposed increase, or consider a more gradual, phased approach. This would better reflect the financial realities facing many Auckland households.

Protecting wai and the health of Tikapa Moana

The protection of wai and the health of Tikapa Moana remains a priority for Ngāti Maru.

What happens on land flows through our waterways into the Waitematā Harbour and ultimately into the Hauraki Gulf. The health of these environments is fundamental to our identity as tangata whenua and to the wellbeing of future generations.

We support increased investment in:

- Wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to reduce overflows into waterways
- Long-term planning that recognises cumulative impacts of development
- Protection and restoration of freshwater and coastal ecosystems

Investment in prevention is critical and will avoid greater costs in the future.

Climate-ready, place-based planning

Ngāti Maru supports planning that reflects the realities of climate change and prepares communities for future risks.

This includes recognising flooding, sea level rise, and pressure on existing infrastructure. Planning decisions must prioritise long-term resilience and avoid short-term approaches that increase future risk.

We encourage Council to adopt place-based planning approaches, informed by local knowledge and mātauranga Māori, to ensure decisions remain relevant and sustainable for future generations.

Meaningful partnership with iwi

Ngāti Maru seeks a strengthened approach to genuine partnership with mana whenua.

We ask that Council moves beyond consultation and towards early and meaningful engagement, where iwi are involved in shaping solutions from the outset. Ngāti Maru maintains long-standing connections to the Tāmaki isthmus, Waitematā Harbour and North Shore coastline, and continues to hold kaitiaki responsibilities across these areas.

Stronger partnerships will lead to better environmental, cultural and community outcomes.

Supporting people and communities

Council planning must continue to prioritise the wellbeing of people and communities.

We support:

- Healthy and affordable housing
- Education and employment pathways for rangatahi
- Recognition of the needs of Māori communities, rangatahi and kaumātua

There is an opportunity for Council to further support pathways into employment, including apprenticeships, cadetships and training linked to infrastructure investment.

Conclusion

Ngāti Maru recognises the challenges Auckland Council faces in balancing growth, infrastructure investment, environmental protection and community wellbeing.

We encourage Council to ensure the Annual Plan reflects both the environmental responsibilities we hold for this place and the economic realities facing our communities.

In particular, we ask Council to:

- Reconsider and reduce the proposed 7.9% rates increase
- Continue prioritising investment that protects wai and the health of Tikapa Moana
- Strengthen climate-resilient and place-based planning
- Commit to meaningful partnership with iwi
- Support pathways that improve outcomes for whānau, rangatahi and communities

Ngāti Maru looks forward to continuing to work constructively with Auckland Council to support the wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau.

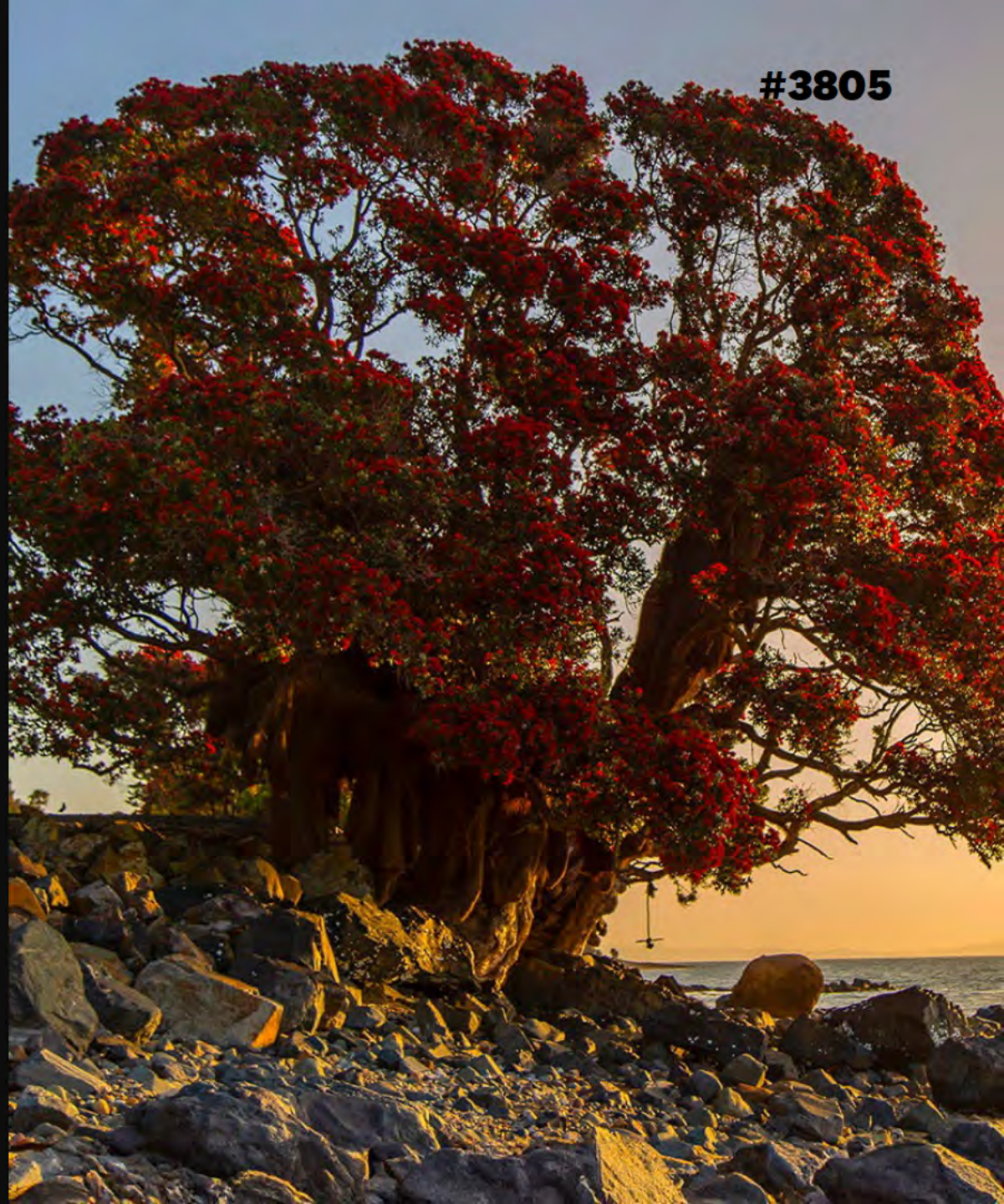

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Ngāti Maru - Hauraki

Ngāti Maru Rūnanga

Governed by a Board of Trustees

Chairperson – [redacted]

General Manager – [redacted]



Ngāti Maru Rohe

Mai Nga Kuri a Wharei ki Mahurangi

From Nga Kuri a Wharei in the south
To Matakana in the north





- 6528 people affiliate to Ngati Maru
- 30% reside in Auckland

- 53% under the age of 30
- 38% between the age of 30-64
- Average age in Auckland – 28yrs



To foster, develop and represent the interests of Ngāti Maru

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Marutūāhu Confederation

- Descendants of the tūpuna Marutūāhu
- Four principle Iwi:
  - Ngāti Maru
  - Ngāti Tamaterā
  - Ngāti Whanaunga
  - Ngāti Pāoa
- Shared history, whakapapa and overlapping interests





Priorities

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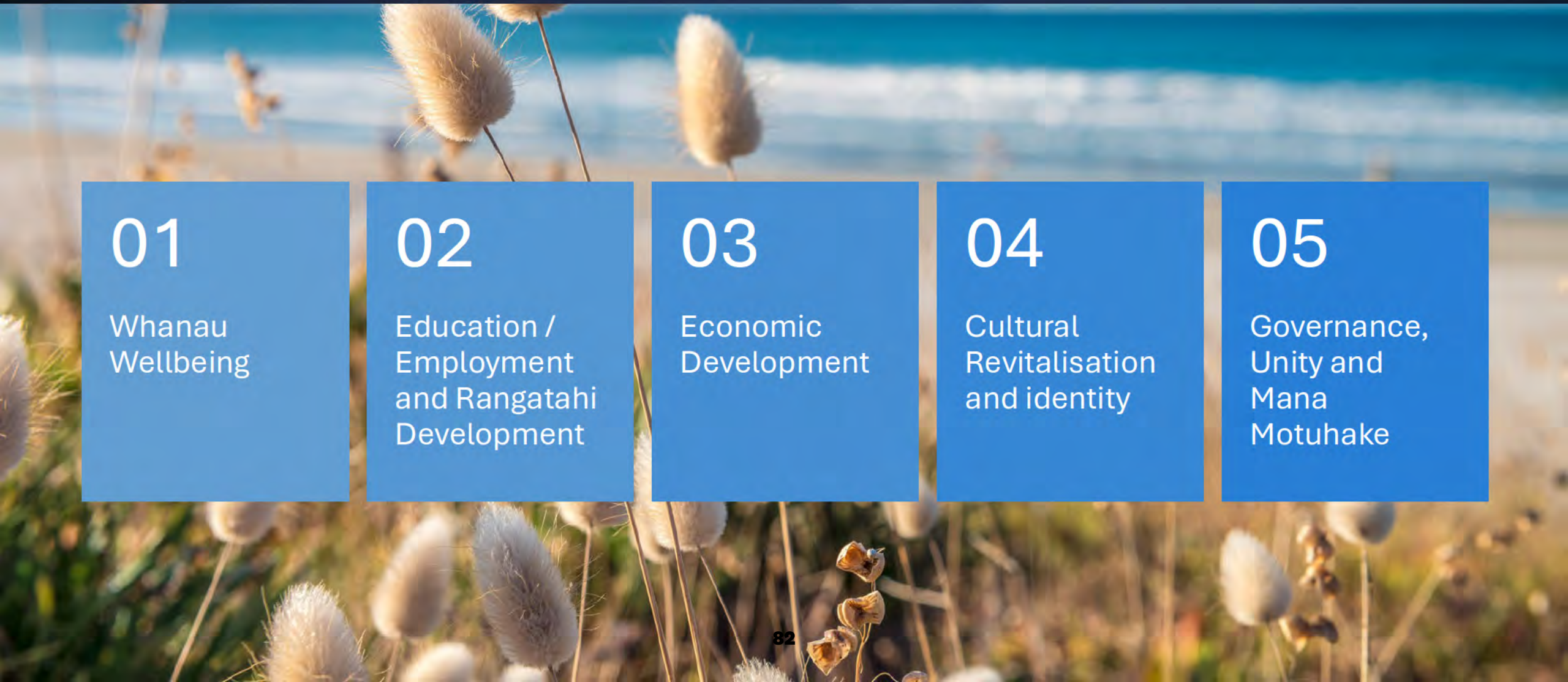
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Priorities - He Tangata

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Whanau Wellbeing

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Education / Employment and Rangatahi Development

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Economic Development

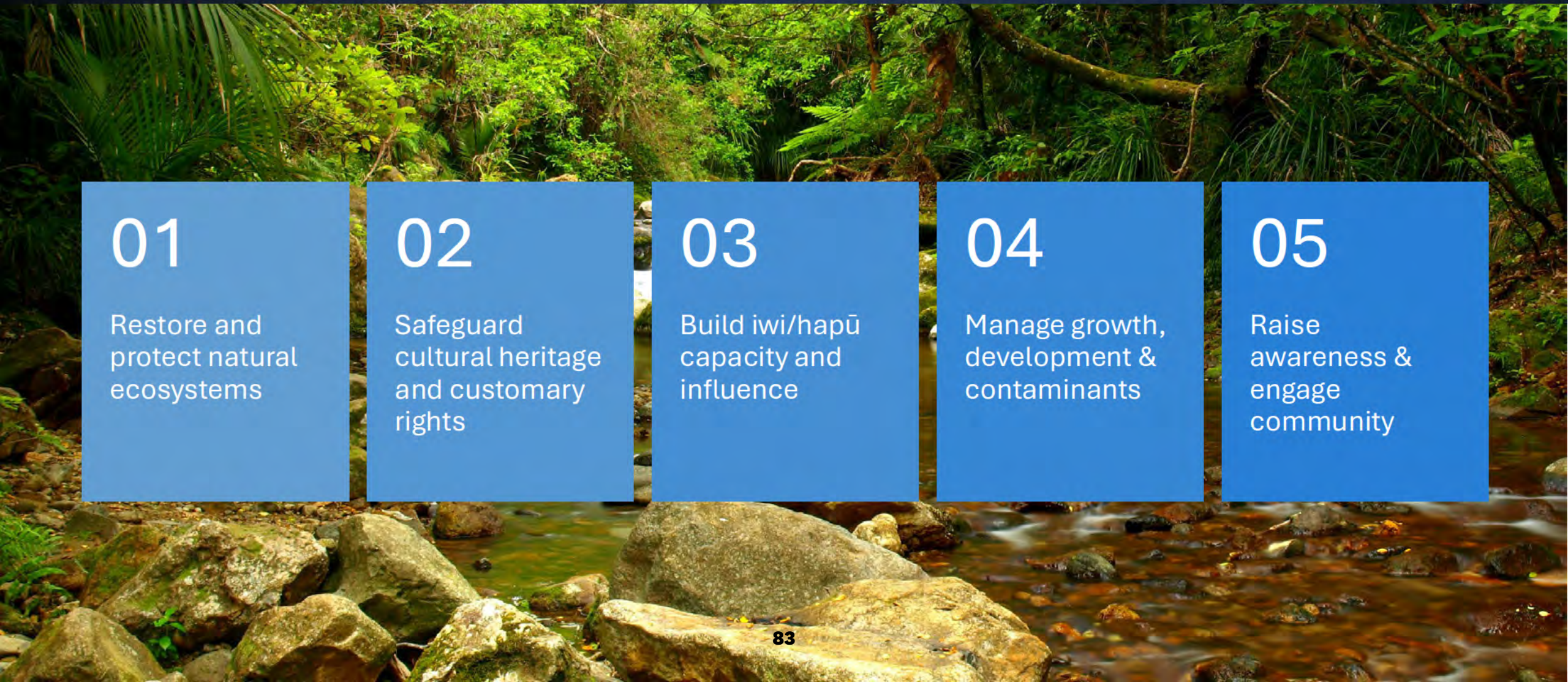
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Cultural Revitalisation and identity

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Governance, Unity and Mana Motuhake

Priorities - Te Taiao



01

Restore and protect natural ecosystems

02

Safeguard cultural heritage and customary rights

03

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04

Manage growth, development & contaminants

05

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Our Relationship to
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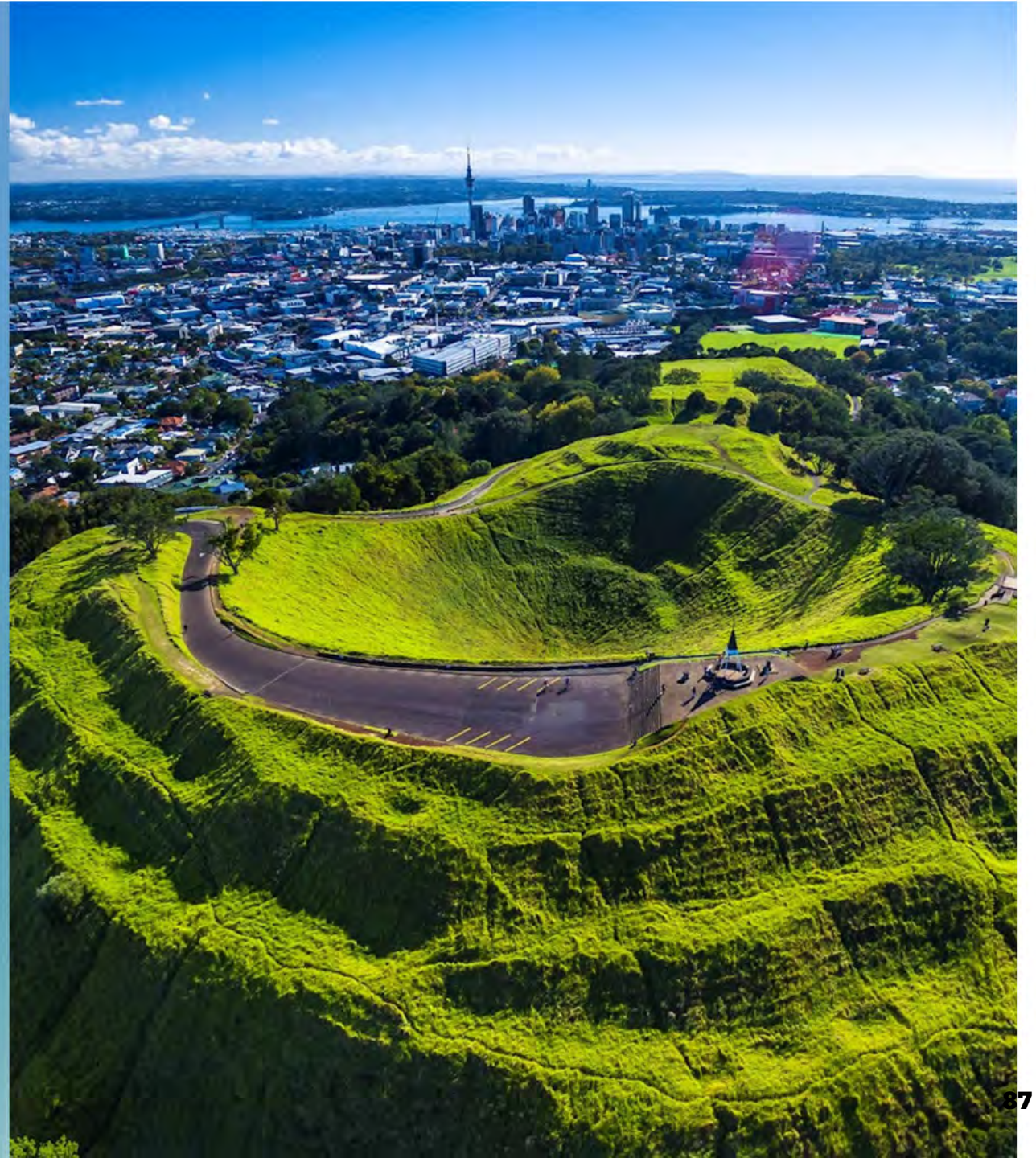



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2026 / 2027 Annual Plan



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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.

In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

- **Transport**
- **Water**
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Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.

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

Support most

Tell us why

[Feedback provided verbally at mana whenua hui]

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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N/A

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N/A

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Submission on Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027

Submitted by: [redacted], CEO,
Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust
To: Auckland Council
Date: Friday 27 March 2026

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1. Introduction

Pāoa ki uta, Pāoa ki tai, Pāoa ki tua o te pae o Matariki.

Ka tiro whakamuri kia anga whakamua.

This submission is made on behalf of Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust (the Trust) to outline it's aspirations, and priorities in relation to cultural redress properties and other lands transferred through settlement and post-settlement arrangements, alongside feedback on Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2026/2027.

As mana whenua with enduring connections across Tāmaki Makaurau and Hauraki, the Trust holds responsibilities of kaitiakitanga, rangatiratanga, and intergenerational stewardship over lands, waters, and communities within our rohe – in order to uphold the legacies of our tupuna and for the future of our mokopuna. The Trust seeks to work constructively with Auckland Council to ensure that governance, management, planning, and development outcomes appropriately reflect Ngāti Pāoa mana whenua status, tikanga, and long-term community benefit.

Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust acknowledges the Council's stated priorities for transport, water services, infrastructure investment, and local board delivery, and emphasises the importance of embedding genuine partnership with mana whenua across these focus areas.

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2. Ngāti Pāoa Claims Settlement Act 2025

The Ngāti Pāoa Claims Settlement Act 2025 gives effect to the Deed of Settlement signed between Ngāti Pāoa and the Crown in March 2021 and provides for the settlement of Ngāti Pāoa's historical Treaty of Waitangi claims arising from Crown actions prior to 21 September 1992. The settlement legislation received Royal Assent in November 2025 and came into effect on 4 March 2026, a date of particular significance as it coincides with the day in 1840 when Ngāti Pāoa rangatira signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi at Karaka Bay in Tāmaki Makaurau.

The settlement provides for a Crown apology, cultural recognition measures, financial redress, and the vesting of a number of culturally significant sites across Tāmaki Makaurau and the wider rohe. These arrangements establish an enduring framework for

Ngāti Pāoa to exercise rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga, and stewardship over settlement lands and cultural redress properties. Auckland Council has an important role in giving effect to the intent of the settlement through its governance, planning, consenting, and co-management functions.

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3. Properties Transferred Under Ngāti Pāoa Management

A number of properties have been transferred into the Trust's management, including sites on Waiheke and Motuihe such as:

- Māwhitipana
- Pāoa Ururoa
- Pāoa Ururua
- Pokai Wawahi Ika

Additional properties transferred under the Trust's management include:

- Hine-nui-o-te-pāua, held in fee simple
- Pāoa Whanake, designated as a local purpose marae reserve

The Trust views these properties as critical to the exercise of rangatiratanga and the delivery of cultural, social, environmental, and economic outcomes for present and future generations. Council processes, including planning, consenting, and infrastructure provision, must recognise this status and support the intent of Treaty settlement outcomes.

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4. Housing and Community Infrastructure Aspirations

Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust has clear aspirations to develop housing and community infrastructure at Ōmaru, Point England, on certain transferred properties in a manner that aligns with tikanga Māori, whānau wellbeing, and long-term sustainability.

These aspirations include:

- The development of ~35 low-cost homes, ranging from two to five bedrooms
- The development of a marae, conference, and meeting centre with capacity for up to 1,000 people, supported by appropriate infrastructure and culturally responsive consenting pathways.

The Trust seeks Auckland Council's support to enable timely, efficient, and enabling planning and consenting processes, recognising the unique status of Treaty settlement

land and the importance of removing unnecessary barriers to Māori housing and community development. Associated infrastructure delivery and consenting processes are critical to the delivery of these aspirations.

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5. Co-Management and Shared Governance Arrangements

Several cultural redress properties are subject to co-management or shared governance arrangements with Auckland Council and its local boards. These include:

- **Te Waero Awe Houkura**, under a co-management body with the Waiheke Local Board
- **Te Iwi Rahirahi**, with potential co-management with the Franklin Local Board
- **Tauwhare Koiora Sites A and B**, managed through a reserves board with Hauraki District Council
- **Ōmaru**, under a co-management body with the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust seeks to strengthen these arrangements to ensure they reflect genuine partnership, shared decision-making, and appropriate recognition of Ngāti Pāoa as mana whenua. Co-management must move beyond procedural involvement and support outcomes that reflect Treaty intent, cultural authority, and long-term stewardship.

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7. Conclusion

Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust looks forward to working in partnership with Auckland Council to ensure that cultural redress properties, transferred lands, and associated developments are managed in a way that:

- Upholds Ngāti Pāoa mana whenua and rangatiratanga
- Enables culturally appropriate development and use
- Supports housing, community infrastructure, and wellbeing outcomes
- Delivers long-term benefits for Ngāti Pāoa whānau and the wider community

The Trust welcomes ongoing dialogue with Auckland Council to progress these aspirations in a collaborative, constructive, and Treaty-aligned manner.

Nāku noa, nā

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Amokura, Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust

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NGĀTI PĀOA IWI TRUST

ASPIRATIONS

Panmure, 18 February 2026

CULTURAL REDRESS PROPERTIES



- NPIT management - 6 properties
- Council ‘co-management’ - 4 properties
- DoC Management - 1 property
- MOE management - 1 property
- Vest & vest-back with overlay classifications - 2 properties

PROPERTIES TRANSFERRED - FULL PĀOA MANAGEMENT (1)









- Māwhitipana (Waiheke)
- Pokai Wawahi Ika (Waiheke)
- Pāoa Ururua (Motuihe)
- Pāoa Ururoa (Motuihe)

PROPERTIES TRANSFERRED - FULL PĀOA MANAGEMENT (2)





Hine-nui-o-te-pāua (fee simple)

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- Consenting
- 3 month timeline

Pāoa Whanake (local purpose marae reserve)

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- Consenting
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PROPERTIES TRANSFERRED - COUNCIL MANAGEMENT









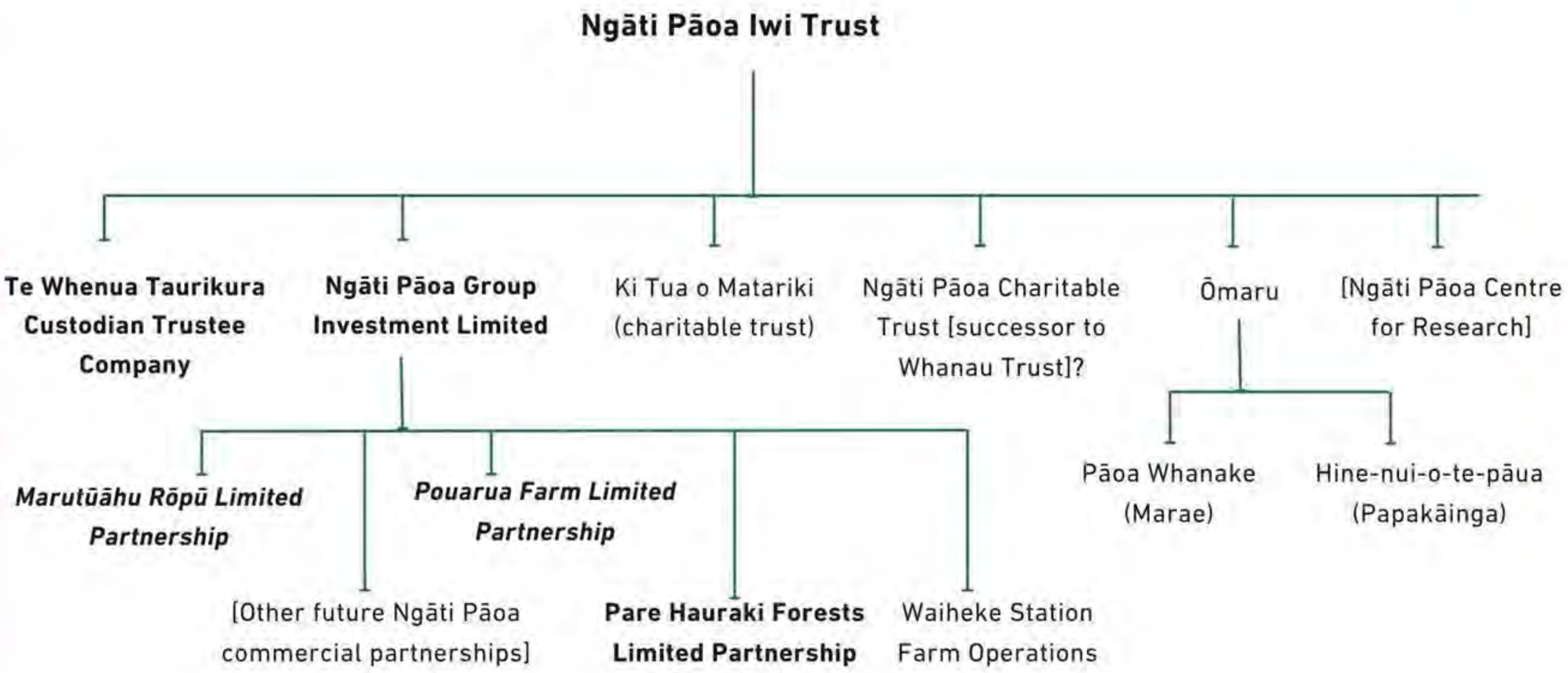
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- Te Iwi Rahirahi (potential co-management with Franklin LB)

WAIHEKE STATION FARM



- Consolidate into Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust
- All liabilities and contracts transferred - currently low visibility of this
- To engage with Ngāti Paoa Trust Board
- Full assessment to be undertaken

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE - NGĀTI PĀOA GROUP



PĀTAI?

QUESTIONS?